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OF THE

Iowa Annual Conference,

OF THE

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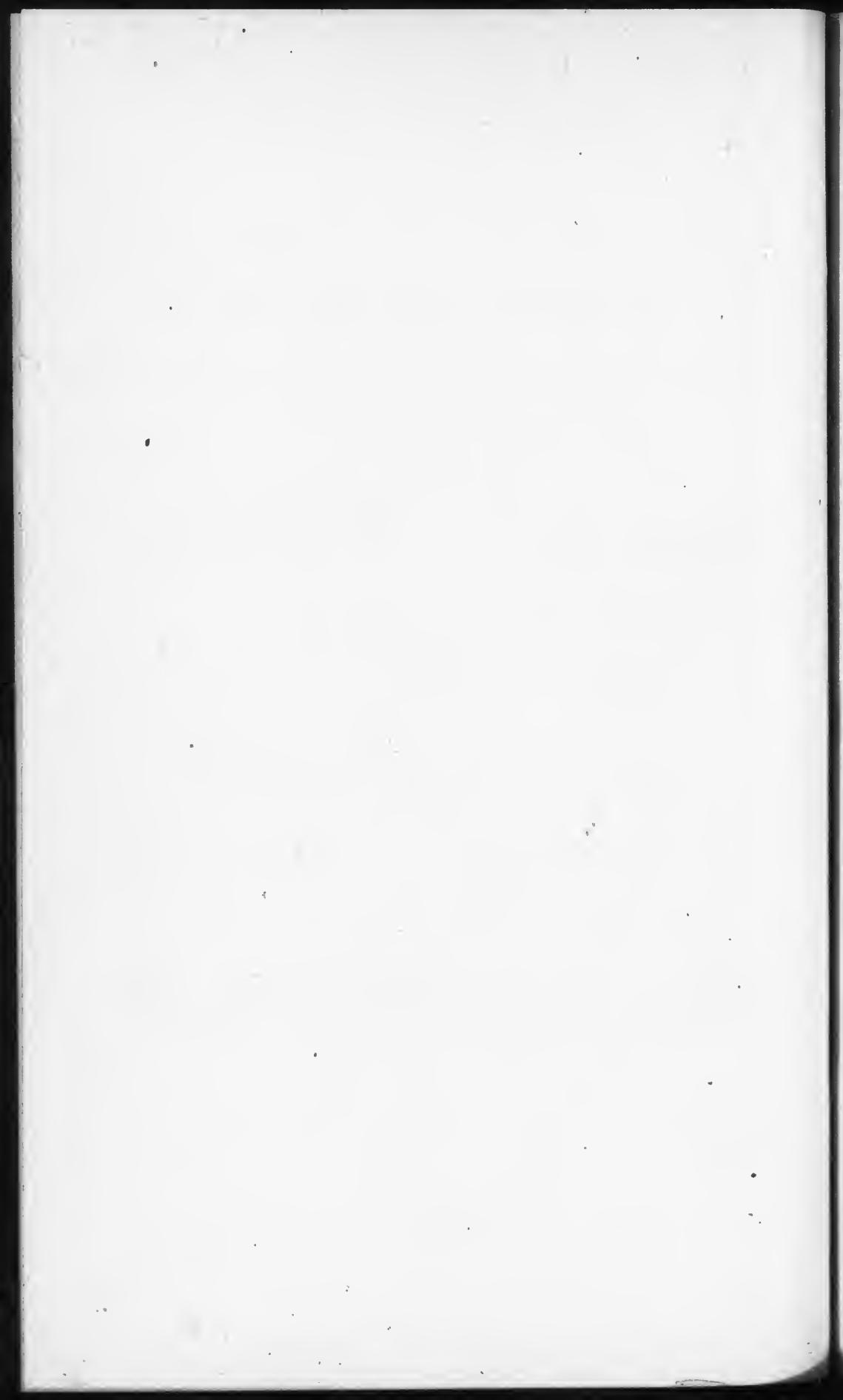
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L. C. Carroll,	E. J. Pike,	A. V. Francis,	H. E. Wing.

Candidates for Admission on Trial.—C. W. Shepherd, W. H. H. Smith,
D. C. Bevan.

For Local Deacons' and Elders' Orders.—R. J. Kenyon, A. Robinson, C. P.
Reynolds.

Annual Missionary Sermon.—J. W. McDonald; Alternate, B. F. Shane.

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I. IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

TRUSTEES.

First Class—(1875-79) I. A. Bradrick, W. F. Cowles, H. Ambler, W. A. Work, Charles Snider, Miss Phoebe L. Elliot.

Second Class—(1876-80.) J. W. McDonald, J. B. Blakeney, E. L. Briggs, B. Mark, J. T. Hackworth, F. T. Campbell.

Third Class—(1877-81) Hon. James Harlan, W. J. Spaulding, E. L. Penn, T. E. Corkhill, D. C. Smith, W. I. Babb.

Fourth Class—(1878-82) Geo. N. Power, I. P. Teter, John Wheeler, M. M. Walden, Geo. Haw, A. M. Antrobus.

VISITORS.

To Iowa Wesleyan University.—J. G. Barton, F. W. Evans, C. B. Clark, D. A. Watters, A. Kershaw, J. M. Mann, J. W. Wright.

To Garrett Biblical Institute.—D. Murphy, J. C. Brown.

V. DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

QUESTION 1.—Have any entered the Conference by transfer or re-admission?

J. T. McFarland, J. E. Corley and W. G. Wilson—re-admitted—3.

QUESTION 2.—Who are admitted on trial?

C. F. Williams, Patrick H. Bodkin, Samuel F. Bishop, Geo. W. Storey, O. G. McFadden, Levi M. Hartley.—6.

QUESTION 3.—Who were on trial?

James F. Robertson, Coleson, D. Fawcett, Sebern, S. Martin, William I. Graham, Joseph A. Cooke.—5.

QUESTION 4.—Who are admitted into full connection?

None.

QUESTION 5.—Who are the Deacons of the first class?

There are none.

QUESTION 6.—Who are the Deacons of the second class?

Jacob H. Hard.

QUESTION 7.—Who have been elected and ordained Elders?

L. C. Carroll, A. Kershaw, D. A. Watters, G. W. F. Willey, A. C. Keeler, J. T. McFarland, W. N. Groom—7.

QUESTION 8.—Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?

William Poston, E. H. Waring, W. S. Hurt, George H. Clarke, J. S. Ferguson, J. P. Rice.

QUESTION 9.—Who are the Superannuated Preachers?

John Burgess, John Harris, John Hayden, James Haynes, B. Hollard, A. W. Johnson, T. M. Kirkpatrick, J. H. McCutchen, Joseph McDowell, R. S. Robinson, H. Runyan, A. W. Stryker, L. C. Woodford, E. W. Twining, S. Hestwood, J. T. Coleman—16.

QUESTION 10.—Was the character of each preacher examined?

This was strictly attended to in the usual form.

QUESTION 11.—Have any located?

J. W. Chaffin, D. T. Monroe, W. R. Stryker, M. Carrier, S. S. Rankin, W. N. Groom, T. C. Miller—7.

QUESTION 12.—Have any withdrawn?

E. L. Briggs.

QUESTION 13.—Have any been transferred, and to what Conference?

None.

QUESTION 14.—Have any been expelled?

None.

QUESTION 15.—Have any died?

Ministers—John Wesley Hugans, Silas T. Ludwick—2. *Minister's Wives*—Mrs. Jane J. Briggs, Mrs. Lucy Shelton—2.

QUESTION 16.—What is the Statistical Report?

Membership—Probationers, 1,210; full members, 20,006; local preachers, 152; Total 21,368; Total last year, 22,049; Decrease 681. For particulars see tables.

QUESTION 17.—What are the claims upon the Conference funds?

Of Superannuates, \$3,300; of Widows and Orphans, \$3,760—Total \$7,060.

QUESTION 18.—What has been received on the foregoing claims, and how has it been applied?

Received from chartered fund \$30,00; from collections \$941,82; Total \$971.82. For details, see Steward's Report.

QUESTION 19.—Where are the preachers stationed?

See appointments.

QUESTION 20.—Where and when shall the next Conference be held?

At Burlington. Time not given.

QUESTION 21.—Have any Local Preachers been ordained?

Deacons—J. G. Melvin, S. S. Martin—2.

QUESTION 22.—Are any of our Literary or Theological Institutions under the control and patronage of the Conference; and what is their condition?

Iowa Wesleyan University. See report of Trustees and Committee on Education.

QUESTION 23.—Who are the Conference Board of Church Extension?

See list of Officers and Managers of Conference Societies.

VI. JOURNAL OF THE CONFERENCE.

Proceedings of the Thirty-Fifth Session of the Iowa Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

FIRST DAY.

BROOKLYN, Iowa, September 4th, 1878 -9 A. M.

The Iowa Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church commenced its Thirty-fifth Session in the M. E. Church, in Brooklyn, Iowa, September 4th, 1878, Bishop Randolph S. Foster in the Chair,

The session was opened at 9 A. M. with devotional exercises and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

The Secretary of the former session called the roll of the Conference and the following members answered to their names, viz: R. B. Allender, M. Bamford, J. G. Barton, J. B. Blakeny, I. A. Bradrick, I. N. Busby, G. W. Byrkitt, R. A. Carnine, M. Carrier, J. W. Cheney, C. B. Clarke, J. M. Coats, J. T. Coleman, C. S. Cooper, T. E. Corkhill, W. F. Cowles, J. C. W. Coxe, F. W. Evans, J. S. Furgeson, S. R. Furguson A. V. Francis, J. S. Freeland, J. Gassner, J. H. Kada, J. B. Hardy, A. W. Haines, John Haynes, J. B. Hill, P. F. Holtzinger, W. H. Honn, L. O. Housel, J. Hunter, C. S. Jennis, A. R. Jones, A. C. Keeler, I. O. Kemble, J. C. Kendrick, A. V. Kendrick, R. S. Kenyon, A. Kershaw, O. P. Light, J. M. Mann, B. Mark, A. McClintock, J. W. McDonald, Joseph McDowell, E. P. Michener, C. H. Montgomery, C. Morey, D. Murphy, S. S. Murphy, T. J. Myers, C. R. Norton, G. Nulton, W. E. Patterson, E. J. Pike, W. H. H. Pillsbury, W. Poston, John Potter, Geo. N. Power, H. F. Pugh, J. R. Reasoner, C. P. Reynolds, A. Robinson, J. W. Robinson, E. L. Schreiner, M. See, B. F. Shane, O. C. Shelton, C. W. Shepherd, J. T. Simmons D. C. Smith, U. B. Smith W. H. H. Smith W. J. Spaulding, C. L. Stafford, W. R. Stryker, I. P. Teter, S. H. Thomas, J. G. Thompson, W. G. Thorne, G. M. Tuttle, D. A. Watters, N. Wells, John Wheeler, G. W. F. Willey, H. E. Wing, J. W. Wright.—Total 85.

Geo. N. Power was elected Secretary, H. E. Wing and C. L. Stafford, Assistants, J. W. Cheney, Recording Secretary, T. J. Myers and C. W. Shepherd, Statistical Secretaries.

The bar of the Conference was fixed at the south side of the third window. The hour of meeting was fixed at 8:30 A. M., and of adjournment at 12 M, the first half hour of each session to be given to Devotional exercises.

On motion, visiting brethren were invited to seats within the bar of the Conference.

The following Committees were appointed:

Auditing Committee—Geo. W. Byrkit, A. C. Keeler, D. C. Bevan.

Bible Cause—I. N. Busby, Jesse Craig, G. F. W. Willey, S. H. Thomas, C. P. Reynolds, C. H. Montgomery.

Book and Periodical Accounts—E. J. Pike, W. E. Patterson, J. T. Coleman, W. H. Honn, L. O. Housel, A. R. Jones.

State of the Country—J. C. Kendrick, J. T. Simmons, J. R. Reasoner, D. A. Watters, W. G. Thorne, C. L. Stafford.

Tobacco—P. F. Holtzinger, J. W. Cheney, J. B. Hill, E. Sampson, B. F. Shane, H. E. Wing.

New York Accounts—A. W. Haines.

To Receive Educational Collections—A. Robinson.

State Camp Ground—S. S. Murphy, J. T. Simmons, J. C. W. Coxe, J. B. Hardy, W. F. Cowles, I. P. Teter.

Education—C. B. Clark, J. T. Simmons, W. J. Spaulding, D. Murphy, E. L. Briggs, J. G. Barton.

Freedman's Aid—N. Wells, A. W. Haines, H. F. Pugh, A. V. Francis, C. Morey, G. Nulton.

Memoirs—O. P. Light, C. P. Reynolds, J. S. Freeland, T. E. Corkhill, M. Bamford.

Necessitous Cases—Board of Conference Stewards.

Periodicals—M. Bamford, C. W. Shepherd, J. C. W. Coxe, G. N. Power, A. V. Kendrick, I. P. Teter.

Post Offices—J. G. Thompson, J. Hunter, W. I. Miller, J. M. Mann, J. A. Cooke, J. H. Hard.

Public Worship—Presiding Elder of Oskaloosa District, and the Pastor at Brooklyn.

Observance of the Sabbath—J. C. Brown, J. W. Wright, F. W. Evans, U. B. Smith, W. H. H. Pillsbury, J. W. McDonald.

Episcopal Fund—T. J. Myers, J. Gassner, C. S. Cooper, O. C. Shelton, E. P. Michener, W. I. Graham.

State of the Church—S. S. Murphy, J. W. Cheney, R. B. Allender, A. Mc Clinton, E. L. Schreiner, J. Potter.

Sunday Schools—The Officers and Managers of Conference Board.

Temperance—G. M. Tuttle, C. W. Shepherd, J. S. Furgeson, R. A. Carnine, J. W. Robinson, W. H. H. Smith.

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society—B. F. Karnes, J. S. Freeland, John Haynes, J. B. Hardy, S. R. Furgeson, C. R. Norton.

On motion of J. W. Wright, the Presiding Elders were appointed a committee to nominate the usual Standing Committees for the next Conference, so that they may be announced at the opening of the Session.

J. W. Wright was elected Conference Steward to fill the vacancy caused by the absence of T. C. Miller.

On motion of C. L. Stafford, the preachers were instructed to report as Ministerial Support, the amount paid to Pastors and Presiding Elders.

The Bishop at this point, addressed the Conference at some length, in regard to the necessity of promptness and dispatch in attending to business; also the importance of attending the devotional and anniversary exercises of the session.

The Tenth Question was taken up and the names of the Effective Elders were called.

J. B. Blakeney presented a written report of Burlington District, and was passed.

(On motion of J. C. W. Coxe, the preachers were instructed to report their Collections for Missions and Conference Claimants.)

The following Elders of the District were represented and passed: C. B. Clark, N. Wells, M. See, O. P. Light, A. Robinson, I. N. Busby, T. J. Myers, E. J. Pike, G. M. Tuttle, S. S. Murphy, J. C. Kendrick, P. F. Holtzinger, J. G. Thompson, M. Bamford. B. F. Karnes not being present was represented by the Presiding Elder and passed.

T. E. Corkhill presented a written report of Keokuk District and was passed.

The following Elders of the District were represented and passed: J. T. Simmons, C. W. Shepherd, J. W. Cheney, G. W. Byrkit, J. W. Wright, James Hunter, A. W. Haines, J. Gassner, W. E. Patterson, J. S. Freeland.

J. Craig and T. Stephenson were not present to report collections, but were represented and passed.

John Wheeler presented a written report of Mount Pleasant District and was passed.

The following Elders of the District reported their collections and passed, F. W. Evans, R. B. Allender, J. B. Hill, J. L. King, John Haynes, J. T. Coleman, J. R. Reasoner, H. F. Pugh, J. S. Ferguson, C. S. Cooper, J. C. W. Coxe, W. J. Spaulding, I. O. Kemble.

W. I. Miller and G. H. Clarke, were not present, but were represented and passed.

On motion all papers on the Secretary's table were referred to the proper committees without further action.

Rev. W. C. Dandy, D. D. of the Rock River Conference, Rev. J. C. Hartzell, of the South-Western Christian Advocate, Rev. T. J. Crippen, of the Upper Iowa Conference, Rev. Mr. Leonard, of the Presbyterian Church of Brooklyn, Rev. Francis Ward, of the American Peace Society and Rev. Mr. Middlemass, were introduced.

On motion of J. T. Simmons an afternoon session was ordered for 3 o'clock, to receive Statistics and Collections; W. F. Cowles was appointed by the Bishop to preside, and J. Gassner to conduct the religious services.

The Conference being adjourned by expiration of time, J. T. Simmons was appointed to conduct the devotional services of the morning session. After

the usual notices were given, the Doxology was sung, and the benediction pronounced by Rev. W. C. Dandy.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH, 1878, 3 P. M.

The Conference was called to order by W. F. Cowles. The devotional services were conducted by J. Gassner.

The roll was called for Statistics and Collections.

The Conference adjourned with benediction by J. McDowell.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH, 1878, 8:30 A. M.

The Conference convened at the appointed hour. Bishop Foster in the Chair.

The devotional services were conducted by J. T. Simmons.

The list of absentees was called and the following members responded: E. L. Briggs, J. C. Brown, John Davis, S. Hestwood, B. F. Karnes, J. L. King, E. Sampson.

On motion of J. B. Blakeney, the further calling of the roll was dispensed with.

Minutes of the previous sessions were read and approved.

The following resolution presented by D. Murphy and D. C. Smith, after some discussion was adopted:

WHEREAS, The session of the Iowa Annual Conference has for several years been convened very early in September, and

WHEREAS, At this time our agricultural communities are not prepared to respond to the calls of the Church for benevolent contributions, therefore

Resolved, That we respectfully request our presiding Bishop to ask the Board of Bishops, to fix the time of the next session of our Conference, the last week in September or the first week in October.

Rev's S. D. Heald, T. C. Wolfe and T. M. Hedges, of the Upper Iowa Conference, and Ole Bendixon, Norwegian Missionary, were introduced to the Conference.

The annual report and exhibit of the Book Committee were read.

The amount of the Episcopal Fund apportioned to the Iowa Conference, was announced to be nine hundred dollars, which on motion, was divided equally among the Six Districts, giving to each, one hundred and fifty dollars.

The Tenth Question was resumed and I. A. Bradrick presented a written report of the Muscatine District and was passed.

The following Elders reported their collections and were represented and passed: G. N. Power, A. V. Francis, S. H. Thomas, R. A. Carnine, D. C. Bevan, C. S. Jennis, D. Murphy, R. J. Kenyon, O. C. Shelton, W. H. Honn, A. McClintock, E. Sampson, J. M. Mann, U. B. Smith.

J. W. Chaffin was called and the question of his relation laid over.

J. B. Hardy not being present to report his collections, was represented and passed.

The report of the Committee on Freedman's Aid Society was presented and read pending its adoption.

J. C. Hartzell, editor of the South-Western Christian Advocate, addressed the Conference, in the interests of the Society.

The following resolution was presented and adopted:

WHEREAS, A. C. McDonald, D. D. formerly a member of this Conference, after ten years of heroic work in our Southern field, fell nobly at his post, a victim of long continued over-work, in the difficult field to which he was assigned, and

WHEREAS, It would be most fitting for this Conference, in some way, to give a substantial expression of its high appreciation of our fallen brother, therefore,

Resolved, That the Iowa Conference and its friends who are present at this session, do raise one hundred dollars, in shares of one dollar each. Said amount to be placed in the hands of Dr. Rust, to be used in helping young colored men in the South in preparing for the ministry. Said fund to be known as the McDonald Memorial Fund.

The Bishop appointed Geo. N. Power, J. T. Simmons, W. F. Evans, G. Byrkit and D. Murphy, a committee to receive the contributions made towards the above Fund.

The report of the committee was then adopted. *See Report.*

On motion of J. T. Simmons, Chaplain McCabe was requested to conduct a praise service at 3:30 p. m. to-day.

The Committee on Public worship was directed to arrange for the anniversary of the Freedman's Aid Society this evening.

The Tenth Question was resumed and D. C. Smith presented his report of Oskaloosa District and was passed.

The following Elders reported their collections and were passed: W. H. H. Pillsbury, W. F. Cowles, W. G. Thorne, E. L. Briggs, C. P. Reynolds, C. Morey, A. V. Kendrick, B. F. Shane, S. R. Ferguson, E. L. Schreiner, J. M. Coats, E. P. Michener, J. W. Robinson, L. O. Housel.

T. C. Miller not being present to report his collections, was represented and passed.

B. Mark presented a report of Ottumwa District, and was passed.

The following Elders presented their reports, and were passed: J. W. McDonald, C. L. Stafford, C. H. Montgomery, W. H. H. Smith, G. Nulton, H. E. Wing, C. R. Norton, J. Potter, J. G. Barton, and A. R. Jones.

I. P. Teter, D. T. Monroe and John Orr were not present but were passed.

The Third Question, viz.—“Who remain on trial?” was taken up. F. W. Adams was discontinued at his own request. The following members of the

class reported their collections were represented by their presiding Elders and by the committee and were continued. J. F. Robertson, J. A. Cooke, W. I. Graham, S. S. Martin and C. Fawcett.

Silas W. Ludwick was reported as having died during the year.

The Sixth Question, viz: "Who are the Deacons of the second class?" was taken up.

J. H. Hard reported his collections, was represented by his Presiding Elder and committee, and passed.

W. R. Stryker reported his collections, and was represented by his Presiding Elder, but not having appeared before the committee, was continued. At his own request he was granted a location.

On motion the following invitation was extended: W. R. Stryker having located to attend Garrett Biblical Institute, is hereby invited to return to the Iowa Conference, when he shall again enter the active work.

On a recommendation of Dr. Wm. Butler, Supt. of Our Missions in Mexico the character of S. P. Craver was passed, and S. W. Siberts was received into full connection.

The Conference being adjourned by expiration of time, C. P. Reynolds was appointed to conduct the devotional exercises to-morrow morning, and after the Doxology, the benediction was pronounced by C. Morey.

THIRD DAY.

8:30 A. M., FRIDAY, SEPT. 6th, 1878.

The Conference met, Bishop Foster in the chair.

The religious services were conducted by C. P. Reynolds.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The report of the committee on Tobacco was presented, and after a free discussion, was temporarily laid over.

Report No. 1 of committee on Education pledging the support of the Conference to Garrett Biblical Institute, was presented and W. C. Dandy, D. D., the Financial Agent of the Institute, then addressed the Conference, after which the report was adopted. *See Report.*

On motion J. M. Mann was granted leave of absence.

The report of the committee on Tobacco, was again taken up and after further discussion was adopted. *See Report.*

The following visiting brethren were introduced: H. H. Oneil, of the Des Moines Conference, S. E. Snyder, of the Upper Iowa Conference, C. E. Cline

of the Southern Illinois Conference, and B. St. James Fry, D. D., of the C. C. Advocate.

On motion of J. Wheeler, the parchment of Tyrus Horton (a local deacon) was returned.

The parchments of John Darrah of Ottumwa District, were received by the Secretary and placed on file.

On motion of W. F. Cowles, a committee was appointed to prepare and present expression of the feelings, and to indicate the action of this Conference in behalf of the sufferers from the Yellow Fever in the South. W. F. Cowles, D. Murphy and I. P. Teter were appointed.

The following were appointed a committee on the sale of Church property: John Haynes, C. Morey and O. C. Shelton.

F. W. Evans was placed on the Committee on Education, to fill a vacancy occasioned by the absence of W. J. Spaulding.

The Seventh Question was taken up.—Who have been elected and ordained Elders this year? L. C. Carroll reported his collections was passed and elected with the understanding that he shall pass an examination on Ecclesiastical History next year. W. N. Groom was passed and elected and the Secretary was directed to forward him a certificate of his election.

A. Kershaw, D. A. Watters, G. W. F. Willey and A. C. Keeler were passed and elected.

The recommendation of John G. Melvin, a local preacher from Mount Pleasant District Conference, for election to Deacon's orders was received and he was elected.

The recommendation of Sebern S. Martin for Deacon's orders, was presented from the Quarterly Conference of the Ottumwa Circuit, and he was elected.

The certificate of location of J. T. McFarland, was presented and he was re-admitted.

Rev. O. J. Squires, the agent of the American Bible Society, was introduced to the Conference.

The Conference being adjoureed by expiration of time, John Haynes was appointed to conduct the religious services at the opening of the morning session. The Doxology was sung, and the benediction pronounced by P. F. Holtzinger.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY SEPT. 7TH, 1878, 8:30 A. M.

The Conference convened, Bishop Foster in the Chair. The religious services were conducted by John Haynes.

The minutes of previous session were read and approved.

The report of the committee on the Fever Stricken portions of the South, was read and approved. *See Report.*

The report of the committee on the sale of Church property was read and approved. *See Report.*

The eighth question was taken up.

"Who are the supernumerary Preachers."

S. S. Rankin and M. Carrier were called. The Bishop gave it as his judgment that the location of M. Carrier and S. S. Rankin by the last Conference, would take effect at the close of the present Conference. M. Carrier addressed the Conference in reference to his relation and requested a location which was granted.

The relation of W. Posten, E. H. Waring and W. S. Hurt were continued.

G. W. Swanston was made effective. The case of J. P. Rice was on motion of J. W. McDonald referred to a committee to report at this Conference.

The following brethren were announced by the Chair as the committee. J. W. McDonald, O. C. Shelton and W. F. Cowles.

The Ninth Question was taken up.—"Who are the Superannuated Preachers?"—John Hayder, A. W. Johnson and J. McDowell, were represented and their relation were continued.

The relation of J. H. McCutchen was continued, and the Presiding Elder of Keokuk District was instructed to inform him that the Conference requests his presence at the next session that he may represent himself.

The consideration of the Ninth Question was suspended, and

W. F. Harned of the Des Moines Conference and Dr. L. Hitchcock of the Western Book Concern, were introduced. Dr. Hitchcock in his usual forcible manner presented the general publishing interests of the church.

A draft of thirty dollars on the Chartered Fund was ordered.

The following resolution presented by J. B. Hardy and I. O. Kemble was adopted.

Resolved, That we will as far as possible supply all of our congregations with the Methodist Hymnal instead of books from other sources.

The report of the committee on the Bible-cause was presented and Rev. O. P. Squires Superintendant of the American Bible Society for the State of Iowa, addressed the Conference after which the report was adopted. *See Report.*

The Assistant Treasurer of the Missionary Society filed receipts amounting to \$5,544.67.

The report of the committee on State Camp-Ground was read and adopted. *See Report.*

The report of the Treasurer of the Conference Board of Trustees was presented and adopted. *See Report.*

On motion I. N. Busby was instructed to remit to the Treasurer of the American Bible Society at New York the funds in his hand collected for the Bible cause.

The report of the committee on the Sunday School cause was read and adopted. *See Report.*

The report of the Committee on the American Peace Society was read, and on motion the third resolution regarding the introduction of Military Drill in our Schools was stricken out and the preamble was amended to read

"WHEREAS, *Offensive* war is essentially at variance with the teachings of Christ etc," after which the report was adopted.

C. W. Shepherd, Assistant Secretary of the Conference Missionary Society made a report by districts of the collections for the society and the report was adopted.

The Auditor's report was presented and accepted.

I. P. Teter moved that when the Conference adjourn it be to meet at 8 o'clock on Monday morning. The motion prevailed.

On motion of W. F. Cowles the time of the session was extended in order to take a collection for Conference expenses, the collection amounted to \$12,90.

Papers were presented by Dr. Wheeler and B. Mark, in regard to a Central University, they were referred to the committee on Education; and this subject was made the order of the day for 9 a. m. Monday.

The usual announcements were made, and J. W. McDonald was appointed to conduct the religious exercises on Monday morning, after which the Doxology was sung and the benediction pronounced by O. C. Shelton.

FIFTH DAY.

8 A. M., MONDAY, SEPT. 9th, 1878.

The Conference convened at the appointed hour, Bishop Foster in the chair.

The devotional exercises were conducted by J. W. McDonald.

The minutes of Saturday were read and approved.

The Twentieth Question was taken up. "Where and when shall the next Conference be held,"

An invitation from Burlington was presented, and accepted.

The Ninth Question was resumed, and the relation of R. S. Robinson, H. Runyon, A. W. Stryker, T. C. Woodford, J. Burgess, James Haynes, J. Harris, T. M. Kirkpatrick, S. Hestwood, B. Holland and E. W. Twining was continued.

The Second Question was taken up: "Who are admitted on trial?"

C. F. Williams, Patrick H. Bodkin, Samuel F. Bishop, G. W. Story, O. G. McFadden, and Levi M. Hartley.

The First Question was taken up: "Have any entered this Conference by Transfer or Readmission?"

J. E. Corley, J. T. McFarland and W. G. Wilson, were re-admitted. The Eleventh Question was taken up, "Have any located?"

D. T. Monroe, J. W. Chaffin, T. C. Miller and W. R. Stryker were granted a location at their own request.

The report of the committee on the Third Year's Course of Study, in the case of G. W. F. Willey, not having been made at the last Session, was presented through the committee of the present year as having been satisfactory.

The Fifteenth Question was taken up—"Have any died?" John W. Hugans was reported to have died April 12th 1878.

The report of the committee in the case of J. P. Rice was adopted. *See Report.*

J. S. Ferguson was granted a Supernumerary relation at his own request.

The Presiding Elders were appointed a committee to nominate Triers of Appeals.

On motion of J. C. W. Coxe, Geo. N. Power was appointed Publication Agent, and was instructed to issue an edition of 2000 copies of the Conference Minutes and distribute them on the plan of last year.

The report of the committee on Education was taken up and adopted. *See Report.*

The report of the Secretary of the Board of Trustees, of the Iowa Wesleyan University, was read and adopted. *See Report.*

The report of the officers and managers of the Iowa Conference Educational Society, was read and adopted. *See Report.*

E. L. Briggs asked permission to withdraw from the Conference, owing to a want of harmony between his Theological views and those held by the M. E. Church. The request was granted, and J. T. Simmons, J. B. Hardy and J. C. W. Coxe, were appointed a committee to draft a minute expressive of the christian integrity of Bro. Briggs, and the esteem in which he is held by the members of this Conference.

The report of the committee on Episcopal fund was presented.

The report of the committee on Periodicals was read, and Dr. Fry addressed the Conference in the interests of the Central Christian Advocate, after which the report was adopted.

Rev. H. H. Fairall D. D. of the American and Foreign Christian Union, and Rev. Mr. Walker of the Presbyterian church were introduced to the Conference.

There being no graduating class this year the Bishop addressed the Conference in a very impressive manner in regard to the work and responsibility of the Christian Ministry, urging the necessity of intellectual culture, but emphasizing the demand for the culture of grace.

He vigorously defended the Presiding Elders office, and urged upon the members of the Conference the duty of hearty sympathy and support of this arm of the service.

The report of the Committee on the State of the Church was read and adopted. *See Report.*

The Stewards made their report which was adopted, and the money as apportioned was distributed. *See Report.*

The following resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS, By the report of the Board of Stewards it appears that less than one thousand dollars were raised by the Iowa Conference this year for her Claimants which is about fourteen cents on the dollar of claims,

WHEREAS, From the report it appears that this collection is regarded as a benevolence rather than a duty therefore

Resolved, That we will present this cause to our people the coming year as one of the most sacred obligations resting on our people, and endeavor to bring up the assessment for this cause.

C. W. SHEPHERD.

T. J. MYERS.

GEO. N. POWER.

D. Murphy moved that a committee be appointed to draft a constitution for a Preachers Aid Society and report at the next Conference. The following persons were appointed said committee. D. Murphy, G. N. Power, B. Mark, J. B. Blakeney and John Haynes.

On motion of J. T. Simmons the session was extended.

The Committee on Preachers Aid Society was instructed to cooperate with the Board of Conference Trustees, if the interests of the Society can be there-by subserved.

On motion it was ordered that when the Conference adjourn it be to meet to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock and R. S. Robinson was appointed to conduct the religious services.

The Doxology was sung and the benediction pronounced by A. Robinson.

SIXTH DAY.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH, 1878, 8, A. M.

The Conference met Bishop Foster in the Chair. The religious services were conducted by R. S. Robinson.

The minutes of the last session were read and approved.

A memorial service having been held on Monday evening, Sept. 9th, in which appropriate addresses were made; the usual exercises in open Conference were omitted. The memoirs of the following persons were presented for publication in the minutes. Silas T. Ludwick, John W. Hugans, Mrs. Lucy Shelton, Mrs. Jane J. Briggs,

On Motion T. E. Corkhill, the Pastor of the M. E. Church at Centerville, was invited to prepare a memoir of Mrs Martha Smith. *See Report.*

The Report on Statistics was read and adopted. *See Report.*

The Bishop made the following Certificate of Ordination, viz:

This certifies that L. C. Carroll, A. Kershaw, D. A. Watters, G. W. F. Willey, A. C. Keeler and J. T. McFarland were ordained Elders in the Methodist Episcopal Church, at Brooklyn, Iowa, September 8th, 1878, and that at the same time and place, J. G. Melvin and S. S. Martin were ordained Deacons by the undersigned

R. S. FOSTER.

On motion of Geo. N. Power, A. V. Francis was appointed to deliver Certificates for return tickets on the Iowa Central Railroad.

The report of the Committee on the Observance of the Sabbath, was read and J. C. W. Coxe presented the following as an amendment.

Resolved, That we hereby express our disapproval of the practice of holding Camp Meetings over the Sabbath, except where the grounds are enclosed, and the gates closed from Saturday night until Monday morning.

After extended discussion the resolution was adopted. The report as amended was then adopted. *See Report.*

The following reports were read and adopted, On Temperance; Garrett Biblical Institute, and Womans Foreign Missionary Society. *See Report.*

The committee appointed to prepare a minute in the case of E. L. Briggs reported as follows:

Your committee would respectfully recommend the following minute to be spread on the journal. The Rev. E. L. Briggs, for many years an honored member of this Conference; having withdrawn from the M. E. Church, for doctrinal reasons.

Resolved, That we hereby express our kind regard for Brother Briggs, as a man; and our entire confidence in his Christian character, and assure him that though he goes from our ranks, he goes not from our hearts; but that our warmest wishes for his personal welfare will ever follow him.

J. T. SIMMONS.
J. B. HARDY,
J. C. W. COXE.

On motion of Geo. N. Power, the Board of Stewards of the present year, was re-elected for the coming year.

On motion, John Wheeler, J. T. Coleman was given a Superannuated and Geo. H. Clarke a Supernumerary relation.

The Report of Committee on Book and Periodical Accounts was read, and the following persons, J. T. Simmons, John Haynes, W. E. Patterson and A. W. Hains were appointed a committee to report to the Book Agents, regarding the members of this Conference, who are in debt to the Book Concern; and if possible secure a settlement of these accounts. The Report was then adopted. *See Report.*

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That our warmest thanks are due and are hereby tendered to the citizens of Brooklyn, for the generous hospitality to which they have welcomed the members of this Conference; to the Rev. W. G. Thorn, for his untiring efforts for our comfort and convenience; to the Choir of this Church, for their constant attendance, and acceptable service of song at our various public

services; and especially to our presiding officer, Bishop R. S. Foster, whose first official visit to our Conference, we hail with unfeigned pleasure, for the unvarying courtesy of his administration, and for his Godly counsels and earnest words of instruction.

J. C. W. COXE,
GEO. N. POWER,
J. W. McDONALD.

The following preamble and resolution was read and adopted.

WHEREAS, Ministers of the Gospel should be examples of obedience to the spirit as well as the letter of the civil law, and

WHEREAS, The law of the State of Iowa, in designating persons who may solemnize marriage says: "Ministers of the Gospel, ordained or licensed, according to the usage of their denomination, and

WHEREAS, The usage of the Methodist Episcopal Church, is to confer this authority on her ministers at the time of their ordination as Deacons, therefore

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Conference that unordained Local or Traveling Ministers of the M. E. Church, are not authorized by the usage of the Church to solemnize marriage; and consequently not proper persons in the eye of the civil law, and should abstain from so doing.

C. W. SHEPHERD,
A. R. JONES,
T. J. MYERS.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That we admire the taste and skill of J. R. Reasoner, who drew the plans and furnished the specifications for this beautiful house of worship; and we congratulate the members of the M. E. Church, and citizens of Brooklyn, that they have a temple in which to worship, which for convenience and comfort is all that any community should desire.

On motion of I. A. Bradrick, the members of this conference were urged to consult Bro. Reasoner in the building of Churches and Parsonages.

W. N. Groom and F. W. Adams having retired from active work among us, that they may attend the Theological School at Boston, therefore

Resolved, That should they hereafter desire to return to this Conference, we will gladly welcome them.

Resolved, That I. P. Teter be appointed to arrange with the Railroad Companies of Iowa, for a reduction of fare to and from the place of the next session of this Conference.

Receipts from the following Societies were filed, S. S. Union \$121,33, Freedman's Aid \$286,32, Tract Society \$74,12.

On the nomination of the Educational Committee, S. S. Murphy and W. H. H. Pillsbury were appointed to deliver the addresses at the next Educational Anniversary.

On motion of Geo. N. Power, the Committee on the State of the Church, for next year was appointed, and J. C. Brown, J. T. Simmons, C. W. Shepherd, U. B. Smith, J. G. Barton, I. O. Kemble, were chosen.

A motion to adjourn after reading the appointments prevailed.

The Bishop then proceeded to address the Conference, after which he led in prayer.

The appointments were then announced. The Doxology was sung and the Benediction pronounced by the Bishop.

GEO. N. POWER, Secretary.

RANDOLPH S. FOSTER, President

VII REPORTS.

I. AUDITING COMMITTEE.

Your Committee would report that they have examined the accounts of the Secretary and find them correct, and recommend that a collection be taken to reimburse the Secretary.

G. W. BYRKIT, Chairman.

II. BIBLE CAUSE.

Your Committee on the Bible Cause, beg leave to report the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1st, That as a Conference, we have unshaken confidence in the American Bible Society, as a grand National Institution, for the purpose of translating, printing, and freely distributing the Holy Scriptures, without note or comment, at home, and throughout the world.

Resolved, 2d, That we approve of the recent change the Society has made, in withdrawing all Assistant Agents of the American Bible Society, from the homefield, and reducing the number of the District Superintendents, from forty to eighteen, and thereby reducing the expenses more than half.

Resolved, 3d, In as much as this important interest is now largely to be carried forward by the Pastors and Churches, we therefore pledge our hearty co-operation with all the Auxiliary Local Bible Societies, within the bounds of this Conference, and that as Pastors, we will preach upon the subject and take up an Annual Bible Collection in all our Churches.

Resolved, 4th, That we recognize with pleasure, the recent appointment of Rev. A. S. Hunt, D. D. as Secretary of the American Bible Society, as one eminently wise for the Society, and highly creditable to the M. E. Church, of which he is the representative in that office.

Resolved, 5th, That we extend to the Rev. O. J. Squires, (a member of the Troy Conference,) now District Superintendent of the American Bible Society, for the State of Iowa, a hearty welcome, and promise him our co-operation.

I. N. BUSBY, Chairman.

III. STATE CAMP GROUND.

We have carefully considered the interest of the Church in this department of her work; and would recommend the appointment of J. T. Simmons and I. P. Teter, Trustees, and W. H. H. Pillsbury, J. C. W. Coxe, E. L. Schreiner, George Haw and J. W. McMullen, Directors. W. F. COWLES, Secy.

IV. STATE OF THE CHURCH

We recognize the divine character of the Christian Church, as it is written, "The body of which Christ is the head," and as "The bride, the Lamb's wife." We recognize the mission of the Church, as "the light of the world," as appointed to overcome all things inimical to the Kingdom of Christ, "By the blood of the Lamb, and the word of their testimony."

We recognize the great duty of the Church to preach the gospel of Christ to a lost world, and hence while we hail with gratitude, all other helping agencies, we would emphasize the importance of the apostolic injunction, "*Preach the Word,*" and also "It hath pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe."

We rejoice in the blessings which God has poured upon the Church, for his presence in her midst, His watch care over her; His pledges of fidelity to her; His promises of future blessings, by which she is better qualified than ever to Evangelize the world. We rejoice that God has led the Church to great material wealth, to a high degree of culture, has increased our membership, and number of our churches, that our press and pulpit are active and emphatic in propagating the truth as it is in Jesus; that our people are drinking deeper and deeper at the fountain of life, and are working more and more earnestly in the Master's cause, and are contributing more and more liberally to advance the interests of the Redeemers Kingdom, and that before us are the greatest possibilities of usefulness. Yet there are many things which we most deeply deplore, such as a spirit of conformity to the world; too low a standard of personal piety; too great indifference to the connectional interests of our church; the want of a rigid enforcement of discipline and our Church Covenants; too little earnestness and wisdom in preaching the great doctrine of the Bible, especially such as the Justice of God, as well as his mercy; the retribution of hell, as well as the rewards of heaven. Therefore, we pledge ourselves to a greater devotion to the cause of Christ and to the economy of our Church; to more caresfulness in the enforcement of discipline; to raise a higher standard of personal and collective piety; to greater activity in our connectional work and to declare "The whole Counsel of God" that the Church may "arise and shine" and reach the high design of Christ, "a peculiar people zealous of good works."

R. B. ALLENDER, Chairman.

V. SALE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Having heard the statements concerning the parsonage property belonging to Springfield Circuit, and which they desire to sell, with a view of re-investing the proceeds in other property at another point on the circuit, we recommend that permission be granted to sell said property.

JOHN HAYNES, Chairman.

VI. EDUCATIONAL.

A--REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY,

To the Iowa Conference of the M. E. Church, to be held at Brooklyn, September 4th, A. D. 1878. The Trustees of the I. W. U. would submit the fol-

lowing as their report, to wit: The University under our care has had during the past year a reasonable degree of prosperity and success, as will be seen by the following exhibit: Senior Students 8; Juniors 15; Sophomores 20; Freshmen 39; Academics 93; Special 5; Law 4; Painting and Drawing 24; Music 38; Total 246; counted twice 39; Total 207.

The Board of Trustees met in Annual Session June 14th, A. D. 1878, and carefully examined into all the affairs of the institution and ask that in appointing visitors to the University, this Conference appoint seven instead of nine as heretofore.

The following degrees were conferred to-wit: The degree of A. M. was conferred upon six persons. Three the degree of A. B. Nine received the degree of M. S. in course. Two the degree of B. S. and one the honorary degree of A. M.

The following is an exhibit of various funds of the institution:

Endowment of President's Chair,	\$20,749 50
Alluminal Chair,	6,187 09
Library Fund,	100 00
Chair of Natural Science	373 00
General Endowment,	33,073 00
Contingent Fund,	3,594 94
Total,	\$63,337 53

Of the above sum, about one half is secured by mortgage on real estate. Amouht bearing interest, and regularly paid in, \$43,027 47.

The prospect for the attendance of students the coming year is, we think, better than for several years past.

The Trustees earnestly hope that this Conference will with increasing zeal, labor for the promotion of the interest of this parent institution in Iowa, by sending students and obtaining funds for further endowments.

The term of one class of Trustees now expires, which it will become the duty of the Conference to fill.

The Alumnal Society request that A. M. Antrobus be appointed trustee as their representative in the Board. THOS. E. CORKHILL, Secretary.

B.—EDUCATIONAL COLLECTIONS.

From Districts as follows:

Burlington	\$26,50
Keokuk,	15,26
Mt. Pleasant,	117,80
Muscatine,	27,30
Oskaloosa,	29,20
Ottumwa,	33,85
Total,	\$249,91

C.—COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The Committee on education after carefully considering the petitions and resolutions referred by the Conference concerning the unity of our educational interests in this State, in a Central University preserving at the same time according to the recommendation of our discipline the schools already in existence as tributary to such University would respectfully suggest.

That we have passed beyond the period of zealous but inconsiderate planting of institutions of university pretensions but limited in reality to a minor grade by meager endowments; by pent up territories and insufficient patronage.

Entering as we are now upon a more permanent order of things in the social, religious, and material life of the state, we believe the time has come to lay educational foundations upon which future generations can build. In all things from the creation of a Universe to the making of a pin intelligent design and purpose preceding that which comes into being. In order that all the essential conditions of wisdom in planning and vigor in execution may guide in the inauguration of a movement so important and desirable we recommend the creation of a commission by this Conference consisting of five persons who shall be members of a joint commission to be created by the Annual Conferences of this State and limited to five persons from each Annual Conference. We nominate for election the following brethren to constitute the Commission from the Iowa Annual Conference, namely: W. J. Spaulding, J. T. Simmons, D. Murphy, W. H. H. Pillsbury, B. Mark. Furthermore, we recommend that what relates to this proposed unification in this report be forwarded by the Secretary of this Conference to the other Conferences of our State this Autumn soliciting their cooperation and the appointment of commissions.

2. We nominate to fill the vacancy in the board of Trustees of the Iowa Wesleyan University of the first class: G. N. Power, I. P. Teter, J. Wheeler, M. M. Walden, G. Haw, A. M. Antrobus. Furthermore, we recommend the election of the following persons as visitors for the current year: J. B. Barton, F. W. Evans, C. B. Clark, D. A. Watters, A. Kershaw, J. M. Mann, J. W. Wright; and as visitors to the Garrett Biblical Institute, D. Murphy and J. C. Brown.

We would also recommend that the communication from the Trustees and Faculty of Garrett Biblical Institute, be read before the Conference, and that the following preamble and resolutions be adopted:

WHEREAS, For almost a quarter of a century, Garrett Biblical Institute, the only Theological school of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the Northwest, has been enabled to furnish instruction and training to upwards of a thousand young men, most of whom are in the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church, fifteen of them in India and China alone; and,

WHEREAS, The entire maintenance of the school has been derived from an endowment given by a single Christian woman; and,

WHEREAS, In the stress of "hard times," without mismanagement or prodigal expenditure upon the part of the Trustees, the endowment has been greatly impaired, and the income of the school entirely cut off, so that its work cannot be continued without aid; and,

WHEREAS, The proofs of Divine approval in the past and the imperative need of the present, indicate that the Church ought not to abandon the Institute or recede from the work of ministerial training; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That we will take a collection in our respective charges in behalf of the Institute; any excess of amount above current expenses to be added to the endowment fund.

2. That we will take this collection the 1st Sunday in November, unless imperative reasons should justify a postponement, and in the event of postponement, the collection shall be taken the Sunday following.

D. MURPHY, Secretary.

D.--GARRETT BIBLICAL INSTITUTE.

Your committee of visitors to Garrett Biblical Institute, submit the following:

We found the Institute well attended by a large number of fine young men, possessed of a deep religious spirit and of close application to study. The number of graduates were twenty-four. Their examinations and thesis were of a high order, indicating ability for great usefulness in the ministry, and all of them went immediately to fields of labor which were awaiting them.

The instructions of the faculty, judged by the examinations and the addresses of the students, is careful, critical and able, and these same self-sacrificing men declare their determination to furnish the same ample facilities for the ensuing year, whether they are assured of salary or not.

The Institute is sadly embarrassed financially, because of the decrease in rents as indicated in last years reports, and must and does appeal directly to the church for help, without which it cannot be sustained.

We feel impressed that the church should give the most hearty endorsement to this valuable and important Institute, and pledge to it the utmost moral and financial support consistent with our other church interests; and also give hearty endorsement to the appointment of W. C. Dandy as agent, and heartily cooperate with him in his work.

J. T. SIMMONS,
S. S. MURPHY.

VII. EPISCOPAL FUND.

	Claims.....	Pro rata Per Cent. on Collections.	Receipts.....	Excess.....	Deficiency.....
Burlington District.....	\$ 125.00	.87	\$ 119.23	\$15.48	....
Keokuk	125.00	.78	97.90	....	....
Muscatine.....	125.00	.83	126.27	22.50	....
Mount Pleasant.....	125.00	.74	92.48	....	....
Oskaloosa.....	125.00	.90	122.47	10.00	....
Ottumwa.....	125.00	.84	104.41	....	....
Total	\$750.00		\$ 662.76	\$47.98	....

E. P. MICHENER, Chairman.

VIII. FEVER STRICKEN SOUTH.

WHEREAS, That fearful scourge the Yellow Fever is now an epidemic among our Southern brethren and is daily increasing in malignity and direful results by depopulating cities; by destroying trade and commerce, and by paralyzing the faith-nerved arm of christian propagandism. Therefore,

Resolved, 1st. That we deeply sympathize with the people in the entirety of their social organization in this their hour of inexpressible sorrow and pray that the Great Jehovah would mercifully arrest the progress of the destroying Angel.

Resolved 2nd, That according to our ability we with our people will cooperate with the Committees where we may reside, for the purpose of raising funds to minister to the necessities of the fever-stricken districts.

W. F. COWLES, Chairman.

IX. FREEDMAN'S AID.

The Freedman's Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church has the past year prosecuted its important work successfully. It maintains at prominent centers throughout the Southern States schools for the education of colored young men and women. At New Orleans, at Atlanta, Ga.; Orangeburg, S. C.; Holly Springs, Miss.; and Nashville, Tenn. are chartered institutions, with College powers at which classes are yearly graduated in various courses of study. In each of these institutions there is a theological school, besides the Centenary Biblical Institute at Baltimore, M'd. Medical schools have been established in connection with the schools at Nashville and New Orleans, where during the past year more than a score of young men have been in training for the Medical profession.

Besides these twelve other institutions are maintained in ten different states of the South, in which classes of various grades are taught.

In all these schools, three thousand one hundred and seventy students were taught during 1877, and of these about 1500 are studying for the ministry and to teach.

The great work of this Society is to educate ministers and teachers. In every Southern Conference where there are colored ministers, there are those who have spent more or less time in some one of our schools. It is impossible to estimate the glorious results already achieved by these schools in helping to furnish an advancing ministry to our vast colored membership. Besides hundreds of colored young men and women are now teaching throughout the South who have been trained in these institutions.

The work done by these schools cannot be done by the public schools. Even if the necessary studies were taught in these schools, the discriminations against people of color would prevent them from having a fair chance to pursue them. Besides, Methodist schools can alone give to the Methodist church successful Methodist preachers and teachers.

This Society is acquiring valuable real estate at all points where schools are located, which will be for all time, a permanent investment in the great work of elevating a race.

During the ten years of the existence of the Society \$652,449.55 have been raised and expended. During last year the receipts were \$70,442.65, and of this, \$46,111.51 were contributed directly by the churches, the remainder having been given by special donations. The Iowa Conference gave last year \$259.66, which was a slight decrease from the year before. Out of the one hundred and six pastoral charges there were twenty-six which took no collection, and the average per member, for this important work, was but 1½ cents.

Your committee is profoundly impressed with the imperative demand for greater earnestness in the presentation of the Freedmens Aid cause, by the preachers to our congregations. Let the facts be known as collated in the admirable annual reports of the Society. Let the imperative necessity of immediate action be stated and enforced. Powerful influences for evil, are at work to lead the colored people from Christ, and because of their susceptibility, arising from their ignorant and degraded condition, they must be saved quickly if at all. One half the colored people of America are under the direct influence of Methodism in one or the other of its branches, chief among those is our own church. Hence, our greater responsibility before God, for the salvation of this people.

N. WELLS, Chairman.

X. COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY.

Your committee appointed to make preliminary inquiry into the case of Rev. Joseph P. Rice, report that they have inquired into the matter as far as opportunity allowed, and recommend that his case be referred to the Presiding Elder of the Keokuk District for trial, and that Rev. W. E. Patterson and J. W. Wright be appointed to prosecute.

J. W. McDONALD, Chairman.

XI. MEMOIRS.

1. MINISTERS.

REV. JOHN WESLEY HUGANS was born in the State of Missouri, and reared in Preston Co. W. Va. He was converted in early life, on the Brandonville Circuit, and received into the M. E. Church by Rev. W. C. Wilson. Soon after his conversion he was deeply impressed with the fact of his call to the Christian Ministry and began at once to educate himself with reference to that great work, and was for some time a student at the West Va. University. By close application and hard study, he acquired considerable culture, and scholarly attainment.

He was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of Pruntytown Circuit in the year 1871, and traveled under the Elder on that circuit with great acceptability. In the year 1872 he traveled as a supply on Monongahela Circuit. His labors on this circuit were highly appreciated, and at the close of the year he was unanimously recommended by the Quarterly Conference as a suitable person to be admitted into the traveling connection, and was received by the West Virginia Conference on trial at its session at Guyandotte March, 1873, and was appointed to West Milford Circuit where he was universally popular. At the session of the Conference at Fairmont March, 1874, Bro. Hugans was appointed to the Wilsonburg Circuit. In the Spring of 1875, he was ordained Deacon, and reappointed to this circuit. In the year 1876, he was appointed to Guyandotte Station, and in 1877, he was ordained Elder at Grafton, and returned to Guyandotte.

Near the close of this Conference year very much against the wishes of the people, at his own request he was transferred to the Iowa Conference, and in September appointed to Columbus City and Coneville Circuit. He entered immediately upon his work with great hopefulness and acceptability. But scarcely had three months elapsed before he was seized with a fatal disease, an affliction of the spine which paralyzed his lower limbs, and in a manner his bowels and kidneys, and for some months he trembled in the scale between life and death until at last weary nature sank beneath the stroke of the king of terrors and all was over. His sufferings were borne with great patience, and his end was very peaceful. He breathed his last and entered into rest, Friday, April 12th, 1878, and was buried in Columbus City cemetery. As a man, Bro. Hugans was pure and a perfect gentleman. As a friend, he was true and constant. As a christian, most exemplary uniform and cheerful. As a preacher, earnest, eloquent and successful.

Although removed by the providence of God from the church militant in the morning of life, he has many seals to his ministry.

O. P. LIGHT, Chairman.

REV. SILAS T. LUDWIG was converted and joined the M. E. Church, in the 13th year of his age. He was licensed to preach on the Kellogg Circuit, in the year 1876, and was recommended the same year, as a suitable person to be admitted on trial into the traveling connection, but there being no room in the Conference, he returned home and labored faithfully that year, preaching when and where he could. In 1877, at the Conference held at Fairfield, he was admitted and appointed as junior preacher on the Durham Circuit, where he labored as a true "Yoke fellow" in the gospel, until prostrated by disease.

Bro. Ludwig was a man of fair education. He was for some time a student of Grinnell College, during his term at College, as well afterward, he applied himself closely, and seemed to be deeply impressed with the importance of fitting himself for the highest usefulness in the Church which he ardently loved, and for which he faithfully labored.

His deep piety, and genial loving nature, brought around him many friends and admirers, and he was universally beloved.

His disease was abscess on the Lungs from which he suffered much, yet he suffered patiently. He entertained the hope of recovery until the night before he died. When it became apparent that his end was near, he calmly informed his father, mother, and friends of the fact, and while during all his illness, he enjoyed the presence of God, now His presence seemed specially manifest. He was exceedingly happy giving praise to God. He thus passed away in holy triumph, July 20th, 1878.

O. P. LIGHT, Chairman

II. MINISTER'S WIVES.

Mrs. Jane Johnson Briggs.

In Grinnell, Iowa, June 20th, 1878, after a severe and lingering illness of about fifteen weeks, Jane Johnson Briggs, wife of E. L. Briggs of the Iowa Conference, and daughter of Abington and Margaret Johnson of Olathe, Kansas, in the fifty third year of her age, closed in the triumph of a living faith, a life of earnest labor and great usefulness in the cause of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Sister Briggs was born in Clark Co., Ill. Her parents afterward emigrated to Iowa and settled in Van Buren Co., where at a camp meeting, under the preaching of Rev. Thomas Kirkpatrick, she was happily converted to God, and united with the M. E. Church, of which she lived an exemplary member until the day of her death.

Her life was fully consecrated to the work of the Master, and she seemed to live only for her family and the Church. Possessed of a clear and vigorous intellect, of unusual energy and powers of endurance, she accomplished a work that few persons are able to do.

Like an angel of mercy, with words of encouragement and cheer, she stood by her husband, accompanying him to his fields of labor, sharing his toils, and with her heroic spirit strengthening him for the labors and sacrifices of the hour. Connected with the Itinerancy in the early days of Methodism in Iowa, and subjected to many hardships and privations, yet she was never known to complain. In the field assigned, she always saw God's heritage, and entered it with a soul intent on doing her utmost to glorify God in it. On the Circuit, in the Station or on a District, she was always the same. She had but one work, and that she never lost sight of. Tenderly devoted to her husband and children, ardently attached to the Church of her choice, she labored incessantly for the promotion of their interests until called to her reward in the skies.

Her illness, though very painful and lingering was borne with true Christian patience and resignation; never was she known to murmur or repine at

the providence of the Master, and when the last hour arrived, she met the messenger with fortitude and resignation. In regard to her departure—she conversed calmly and freely, frequently expressing great delight in the consciousness that she had in early life dedicated herself to God, and traveled life's journey under the direction of her Lord. In conversing with a friend, she said, "Oh how glad I am that I did not put off a preparation for death until now." "A sick bed is a poor place on which to do a work that ought to be done in health."

She died as she lived, a devoted wife and mother, a faithful christian, and a true and constant friend. She leaves a husband and four children together with a large circle of friends to mourn her loss. T. E. CORKHILL.

Mrs. Lucy Shelton.

Lucy, daughter of William and Nancy Carnifix, was born in Monroe County, Virginia, April 1st, 1816. While she was yet an infant her parents removed to that part of the state which is now Fayette county, West Va., and made improvements at what is mentioned in the history of the late Civil war as Carnifix Ferry, the scene of one of the early conflicts in the contest.

It was here that she was reared to womanhood, and here when 19 years of age, under the ministration of Rev's David Reed and J. A. Brooks of the Ohio Conference, she was joyfully converted and united with the M. E. church.

For 43 years she was a most unwavering follower of her Divine Master, and member of the church of her early choice.

On the 15th day of January, 1839, she was married to Rev. O. C. Shelton, by whom she had six children, four of them,—one son and three daughters,—are yet living. She breathed her last Feb. 4th, 1878, having sustained the relation endured the hardships and privations of the wife of an itinerant for 39 years and 20 days.

Two great motives seemed to be the aim of her most active life; first the salvation of the people and the building up of the church, and second, the well-being, and especially the thorough education of her children.

It was a result of her economy and toil, that three of her children were graduates of the Iowa Wesleyan University, and the other two, then living, advanced as far as health and age would permit.

The last months of her life were filled with suffering.

At the family alter she had often prayed; "Give us a peaceful hour in which to die," and, at the last, peace came.

Almost her last words were a longing to go home to Heaven. "I am so tired,—I want to go to sleep." O. P. LIGHT, Chairman.

Martha A. Smith.

Mattie A. Smith, daughter of Dr. Joel H. Asher, was born Missouri, November 14th, 1844. She was converted in early life, and joined the Methodist Episcopal church. In 1869 she was married to the Rev: D. B. Smith, of the Iowa Conference, and entered immediately upon the care of a large family, the children of his former wife. Until the death of her husband, in 1874, she held the delicate and responsible position of the wife of a pastor, to the great advantage of the church wherever he labored, and after his decease, she remained with the family at Centerville, the place of his last appointment. Here she served the church with great zeal and efficiency, and sought to promote, by her influence, the good of the whole community. In the Summer of 1877, in company with her invalid father, she went to Kansas. Dr. Asher died in a few days, and the shock of his death seems to have accelerated the disease which had already laid its hand upon her. She died in great peace, in Lawrence, Kansas, August 31st, 1877, of consumption. Her works do follow her.

H. E. WING.

XII. PEACE SOCIETY.

Your Committee to whom was referred the design and labors of the American and kindred Peace Societies, submit the following:

WHEREAS, Offensive war is essentially at variance with the teachings of Christ, and inefficient as a means of redressing wrongs, and inflicts many and grievous wrongs upon individuals and governments; therefore

Resolved, 1, That we hail with devout thanksgiving to God the cessation of war, and the establishment of the Christlike principle of arbitration as the settlement of all national difficulties.

2. That loyalty to the Prince of Peace, obligates all Christian Ministers and churches to oppose in all proper ways, the principles and practices of war.

3. That we pledge ourselves to cooperate with Peace Societies as such, and all Christian churches, in extending and more firmly establishing the principles of "Peace on earth and good will toward men."

T. E. CORKHILL, Chairman.

XIII. PERIODICALS.

Your committee would respectfully call attention to the high character of our church literature. We would especially commend the Methodist Quarterly Review, to all our ministers and official laymen as the ablest periodical of its class in America. We would also commend to all our people the Central Christian Advocate as being not only our own Conference paper, but as being the equal of any paper published by the church. We would also commend the National Repository and Gilden Hours as being well adapted to their respective fields of usefulness, although we regret the meager patronage they have heretofore received. We hope too that our Sunday Schools will patronize our Sunday School literature than which there is none better in the world. We sincerely hope that the time will come when our people will discard all questionable literature both in the family and Sunday School and patronize only that of the character of which there could be no doubt. Our own publications meet this requirement. M. BAMFORD, Chairman.

XIV. PERIODICAL AND BOOK ACCOUNTS.

WHEREAS, From the origin of the Book Concern to the present, its funds have been faithfully guarded, and we think in the main wisely used. Therefore

Resolved, 1st, That it is a source of great satisfaction to know that the brethren of the Conference are making a strong effort to settle their open accounts.

Resolved, 2, That it is a source of regret, to know that more than \$3,000 are still due the Book Concern, from this Conference, mainly old accounts and notes.

Resolved, 3, That we urge upon our brethren of this Conference, to make every effort possible to liquidate these claims, and to send something on their notes and accounts, every month until their indebtedness is entirely removed.

WM. E. PATTERSON, Chairman.

XV. SANCTITY OF THE SABBATH.

Your committee respectfully present the following report, viz:

While the church of this generation presents a remarkable degree of activity and enterprise in the erection of handsome places of worship, with spacious lecture and Sabbath School rooms; in building mission chapels in destitute places; in sending pioneers to the outposts at home, and missionaries to plant the cross of Christ abroad; it seems to us that this is a time when it is as necessary to guard and perpetuate as build and beautify. At no time perhaps in the history of our country has there been a more determined effort to destroy the sanctity of the Sabbath, and make it a day of parade and convivial pleasure instead of a day of devout worship. This is especially true of certain localities. Our larger towns are beginning to suffer the same annoyance that our great cities have felt for years. Congregations and private families have been disturbed and greatly annoyed by persons in large numbers parading the streets, and engaged in deliberate Sabbath desecration. Therefore,

Resolved, 1st, That we will seek to promote to office men whose moral convictions are on the side of Christian civilization.

2d. That we will appeal to the civil authorities for the enforcement of our laws relating to Sabbath desecration.

3d. That we will as far as possible, prevent Sabbath visiting among our people as well as unnecessary manual labor.

4th. And that we will seek, in our pulpit ministrations, to enforce the 4th Commandment, and to make God's Sabbaths a delight.

J. C. BROWN, Chairman.

XVI. STEWARD'S REPORT.

QUESTION 17. What are the claims upon the Conference funds?

ANSWER. Of effective preachers, nothing; of Supernumerary preachers, nothing; of Superannuated preachers, \$3,300; of Widows and Orphans \$3,760; Total \$7,060.

QUESTION 18. What has been received on the foregoing claims and how has it been applied.

ANSWER 1. Received from Chartered fund \$30; received from Stations and Circuits, \$941.82. Total \$971.82, which is about 14 per cent of the claim.

ANSWER 2. Distributed by order of the Conference as follows:

NAME OF CLAIMANTS.	CLAIMS	Divide's.	PAID TO.
L. C. Woodford.....	\$ 500.00	\$ 65.00	Schreiner.
A. W. Johnson.....	400.00	75.00	Norton.
Joseph McDowell.....	500.00	85.00	Self.
R. S. Robinson.....	700.00	85.00	Self.
B. Holland.....	350.00	45.00	Wheeler.
John Harris.....	500.00	80.00	Power.
T. M. Kirkpatrick.....	350.00	80.00	Schreiner.

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS

NAMES OF CLAIMANTS.	CLAIMS	Divide's.	PAID TO.
Mrs. Worthington.....	\$ 400,00	\$ 35,00	Wheeler.
Mrs. Stewart.....	500,00	10,00	Wheeler.
Mrs. Hare	500,00	10,00	Wheeler.
Mrs. Bamford.....	800,00	80,00	Bamford.
Mrs. Prather.....	480,00	80,00	Cheney.
Mrs. Donaldson.....	400,00	75,00	Wheeler.
Mrs. Boyles.....	300,00	40,00	Wing.
Mrs. Friend.....	200,00	50,00	Reasoner.
Mrs. Coddington.....	500,00	55,00	Wheeler.
Bro. Smith's Children....	200,00	21,00	Wing.
Totals.....	7,060,00	971,00	

J. B. HILL, Chairman.

XVII. SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION.

To aid in this important department of Church work, your committee submit the following recommendations:

1st. An increased zeal in maintaining all our Sabbath Schools during the Winter season.

2d. That no pastor give his consent to the use of Sabbath School publications not provided by our own Church, to the exclusion of our own.

3d. That the pastor conduct a weekly Teacher's Meeting, where a suitable layman cannot be secured for this work.

4th. That each District give one day of the District meeting annually to the work of a Sabbath School Institute.

We suggest that the following persons be appointed to make addresses at the next Sabbath School Anniversary of this Conference, viz: John Haynes and W. G. Wilson.

IRA O. KEMBLE, Chairman.

XVIII. TEMPERANCE.

We rejoice in the growing opposition manifested by the people against the manufacture, sale and use of intoxicating liquors.

We recognize the hand of Providence in the great work against intemperance, which has been wrought during the past year, and believe that the Church should seek every opportunity to identify this movement with her general work.

We still believe that the use of alcoholic wines in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, has proved a snare to some who have formerly been addicted to habits of intemperance. Therefore,

Resolved, That we will continue to use only unfermented wine, in the administration of the Lord's Supper.

Resolved, That we will use all lawful efforts to suppress the liquor traffic.

Resolved, That in voting for civil officers we will be careful not to vote for men known to favor the manufacture, sale or use of intoxicating liquors as a

beverage, and that as pastors, we will warn our people against voting for such men.

Resolved, That we will give unceasing effort to secure total abstinence for the people and prohibition for the State. GEO. M. TUTTLE.

XIX. TREASURER OF CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

To the Iowa Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church:

I herewith present my report as Treasurer of the Board of Stewards of this Conference. Feb. 24, 1877, cash received of John Haynes \$16.00. March 26, 1878, cash received of J. Julian \$5.00. March 26, 1878, cash received of Geo. Tool, \$5.00. April 9, 1877, cash received of J. Hunter, \$2.00. Interest on above to date, \$2.96, making total cash on hand at this date, \$30.96.

I have in my possession the following notes, viz:

- 1 note on J. Julian for \$25.00, paid on same \$5.00, balance due \$20.00.
- 1 note on Geo. Tool for \$25.00, paid on same \$10.00, balance due \$15.00.
- 1 note on J. Hunter for \$5.00, paid on same \$2.00, balance due \$3.00.
- 1 note on Nancy Miller for \$5.00, paid on same \$1.00, balance due \$4.00.
- 1 note on W. R. Fisk for \$5.00, paid on same \$1.00, balance due \$4.00.
- 1 note on J. W. Shaw for \$5.00, no payment, balance due \$5.00.
- 1 note on J. Hutchinson for \$5.00, no payment, balance due \$5.00.
- 1 note on J. Frasler for \$5.00, no payment, balance due \$5.00.

I have notified all the parties above named, of the amounts now due on their notes, and have requested payment, but the extreme stringency in money matters has no doubt been the cause of some of them not responding.

GEORGE HAW, Treasurer.

XX. TOBACCO.

Your Committee on Tobacco would report as follows:—The use of Tobacco is very prevalent and enormous sums of money are expended in this hurtful traffic. Many of our own people spend in this way what justly belongs to God.

The use of Tobacco is, in most cases, undoubtedly injurious to the body and mind, if not to the moral nature also. In many cases it lays the foundation for, and leads to indulgence in worse things. Certainly christians should abstain from its use. Especially do we regret, that many of our preachers still use tobacco, notwithstanding the well known wishes of the people, and the previous action of this Conference on the subject. We are convinced that by this habit they set a bad example, and are shorn of much of that influence for good which a preacher should covet above all things, therefore

Resolved 1st, That we will faithfully present this subject to our people, warning the free against the habit, and exhorting the enslaved to throw it off.

Resolved 2d, That we will admit no one into this Conference who will not promise to abstain from the use of tobacco forever.

Resolved 3d, That we earnestly and affectionately request such of our members as use tobacco in any form, to refrain from it at once and forever—and that for the sake of Christ and humanity. P. F. HOLTZINGER, Chairman.

XXI. WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

WHEREAS, It is the object of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, to elevate the women of heathen lands who are beyond the reach of the methods of the Missionary Society of the Church and

WHEREAS, God has indicated by His spirit, and the women proven by their success in their labors, their adaptation to, and suitability for this great work, and

WHEREAS, There is brought to the church a powerful missionary agency, working under the supervision of, and in harmony with the Missionary Society of the M. E. Church, therefore

Resolved, That as pastors, we will listen to the appeals of our sisters, bid them God-speed, and give them all the aid in our power, by encouraging and assisting in the organization of auxiliaries in our charges, and in using our influence in sustaining them, believing that every auxiliary, well sustained, will work good in our charges, by giving a more general diffusion of missionary intelligence, a deeper religious experience, and a more healthy activity to our membership.

Resolved, That we highly commend the judgment of the Society, in the appointment of Sister Jennie Beck, as Conference Secretary, and that we more than ever appreciate her earnest efforts in forming and strengthening auxiliaries and we will assist her when she visits our charges.

J. B. HARDY, Chairman.

STATISTICAL REPORT NO. 1, BURLINGTON DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.

	MEMBERSHIP.	BAPTISM.	CHURCH PROPERTY.												CHURCH EXPENSES.							
			Probation- ers.	Full Members	L. Pr'achrs.	Deaths.	Children.	Adults.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonag's Value.	Build'g & Imp. Chu's & Person's	Indebted- ness.	Support of Bishop's.	PASTOR.	PRES'DG ELDER	Confer'ce Claim'n's	Sunday S. Expenses.	Sext'n and Lights			
Burlington—Division St.	12	217							1	\$32,000	1	\$5,000	\$ 696	\$ 20.00	\$1700.00	\$1700.00	\$ 125	\$ 125.00	\$ 100.00	\$150	\$324	
Burlington—Old Zion	3	240					4	8	1	15,000	1	5,000	125	\$ 7.00	1550.00	1500.00	120	\$ 120.00	\$ 25.00	150		
Burlington—South	2	85							2	4,000					1200.00	786.85	65	40.75	10,00	50		
Burlington—Circuit.	15	150					3	12	2	2,000					400.00	400.00	75	75.00	1,55	25		
Ainsworth	19	242					4	4	2	1,675	1	800	90		6,50	900.00	765.00	70	70.00	26,00	48	
Canaan	2	190	1						3	3,000					5.00	525.00	248.00	55	26.00		15	
Columbus City & Coneville	100	1								3,000						500.00	300.00	60	52.00			
Danville	2	121					1	1	3	34,000	1	500	125		9.00	835.00	745.00	100	100.00	6,00	40	
Fort Madison	10	100							1	2,500	1	1,200			7.00	845.00	845.00	55	55.00	3,00	50	50
Kossuth	17	245	2				8	17	2	3,700	1	800	100		9.50	950.00	950.00	70	70.00	57,00	40	80
Marshall	2	265	3	3			4	2	5	5,000	2	1,100			7.00	600.00	559.90	95	88.65	10,00	61	
Morning Sun	13	200	1	2			13	5	2½	6,000					5.00	912.50	500.00	80	44.00	2,50	25	
Mount Pleasant	6	255	3				2	3	4	6,600			140		7.10	800.00	700.00	85	75.00	10,00	45	
New London	2	167	2	1				2		1,100	1	1,200			3.75	800.00	501.00	60	40.00	2,10	15	
Wapello	3	88	1	1			1	6	3	6,000					3.50	500.00	265.00	70	43.70	1,00	40	25
West Point	8	150		3			10	3	3	3,000	1	200			2.15	600.80	212.85	65	35.40	1,20	18	
Winfield	6	221	1	1			5	12	2	3,000	1	800	50	700	11.00	700.00	521.40	90	53.90	4,00	65	
Mediapolis	8	145		1	16		14	3½		7,000			50	200	6.00	900.00	775.00	70	62.00	20,00	30	100
Total this year.....	130	3181	16	24	64	44	\$138,575	11	\$16,600	\$1,360	\$ 1,250	\$109.50	15,167.50	12,275.00	\$1,410	\$1,176.40	\$ 279.35	\$867	\$578			

KEOKUK DISTRICT.

Keokuk—Chatham Square.	6	185	1	4	4		1	\$ 20,000	1	\$ 6,000				\$ 7.00	\$ 1000.00	\$ 120	\$ 120.00	\$ 13.00	\$120	\$...
Keokuk—First Church.	18	212	1		3		1	9,000		\$ 505	\$ 1,125			8.00	675	400.00	65	55.00	4,50	28
Bentonport	11	166	2	1	1		1	4,000	1	500	40			5.50	750	540.00	75	55.00	12,00	45
Birmingham	17	233		4	5	7	2	5,000	1	600	50	90		7.00	675	587.00	75	64.00	20,00	15
Bloomfield	28	200	4	4	1		1	2,500	1	1,000	60			8.00	750	625.00	100	80.00	14,00	40
Bloomfield Circuit.	27	396	2	3	6	68	4	3,450	1	550	112	120		4.00	690	539.00	60	27.40	2,03	70
Bonapart	3	109	3	1	2	2	3	4,300			330	763		4.45	500	482.00	70	51.00	1,00	35
Cincinnati	7	332	2	1	3	33	3	2,100	1	700	5			6.50	515	371.00	60	42.00	6,00	
Drakeville	6	203	1	3	2	17	2	2,000	1	150		300		5.00	572	498.00	72	59.00	14,10	30
Independent	18	277	5	1	3	21	4	8,000	1	750	193	195		6.00	800	800.00	80	80.00	5,00	30
Keosauqua	15	227	1	3	4	14	1	4,000	1	400	40	99		8.00	650	422.40	80	51.00	5,00	22
Lebonon	55	184	1	1	....	17	5	5,000	1	600				4.00	690	495.02	75	33.00	2,00	29
Milton	187	1					3	3,000	1	600	650	58		5.75	450	308.00	60	39.00	1,00	25
Montrose	120	2	2				4	6,700	1	400	100	300		4.00	600	475.00	60	51.00	2,00	5
Moulton	22	235	1		2	8	2	2,500			70			4.80	450	240.00	70	35.10	3,00	55
Troy	16	215	2	1		4	3	3,700	1	500				3.70	500	385.58	70	53.35	6,85	
Winchester,	4	107		2			4	5,500	1	400	5			4.30	500	400.00	70	45.00	2,00	29
Total this year.....	253	3587	29	36	36	191	54	\$ 90,750	14	\$ 13,150	\$ 2,160	\$ 3,050	\$ 96.00	\$ 10,817	\$ 8343.28	\$ 1,262	\$ 940.85	\$ 113.48	\$ 581	\$ 529

STATISTICAL REPORT NO. I, MOUNT PLEASANT DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.

	MEMBERSHIP.				BAPTISM		CHURCH PROPERTY.				CHURCH EXPENSES.									
	Probation ers.	Full Members.			L. Preach's Deathes.	Children.	Adults.	Churches.	Parsonag's Probable Value.	Building & Imp. Chu's & Parson's Probable Value.	Indebted- ness.	Support of Bishops.	PASTOR.		PRESID'G ELDER					
		Members.	Members.	Members.									Rec'pts.	Claims.	Rec'pts.	Claims.				
Mount Pleasant	46	580	6	1	4	16	2	\$18,000				\$18.00	\$1400.00	\$1300.00	\$ 210.00	\$ 210.00	\$ 30.00			
Agency City	14	311	5	14	22	5	3	2,000	1	\$ 600	\$ 60	10.00	800.00	704.40	143.00	123.45	9.00			
Batavia	7	263	4	1	1	1	5	6,400	2	800		7.00	732.00	455.50	130.00	87.50	9.05			
Brighton	27	180	4	2	2	9	4	4,000	1	700	140	4.60	675.00	435.61	78.00	46.80	3.00			
Fairfield	7	200	7	3	3	8	1	18,000		10,000		12.00	1120.00	813.00	140.00	97.00	10.00			
Fairfield Circuit	130	1	1	1	1	4	4	5,000	1	300		3.00	600.00	300.00	60.00	30.00	1.00			
Keota	5	194	1	1	1	4	4	6,300			600	5.18	825.00	556.30	75.00	63.96	2.36			
Lexington	6	161	3	1	1	3	3	4,000	1	600	250	6.50	900.00	669.73	102.00	75.50	12.25			
Martinsburg	15	127	1	3	1	1	3	4,100	1	350	25	4.00	500.00	389.03	56.00	50.00	2.00			
Richland	18	220	2	6	5	2	4	4,700	1	800	68	4.70	792.00	450.31	88.00	51.96	2.00			
Richwoods	6	40	1	1	1	6	2	1,000			125	100	60			10				
Salem	8	142	2	1	1	3	1	6,000	1	800										
Sigourney	5	148	2	1	1	3	1	1,500	1	500		4.55	800.00	556.27	85.00	53.39	3.20			
Washington	4	209	2	2	5	1	1	8,000	1	1,500	400	3.25	9.00	1150.00	1150.00	110.00	110.00	20.00		
Webster	7	162	1	2	2	1	3	4,200	1	500	24	4.87	700.00	484.00	95.00	62.00	6.90			
Total this year	178	3067	38	39	45	59	44	\$93,200	12	\$7,450	10,842	\$ 1,300	\$94.00	10994.00	\$8264.15	\$1352.00	\$1015.56	\$110.76	\$469	\$175

MUSCATINE DISTRICT.

Muscatine	14	375	4	4	3	2	1	\$ 30,000		\$ 320	\$ 1,000	\$ 16.50	\$1250.00	\$1250.00	\$ 174.00	\$ 174.00	\$ 28.00	\$103	\$540	
Muscatine Circuit	10	327	3	1	5	10	3	9,000	1	\$ 700	558	10.00	950.00	850.00	90.00	90.00	12.00	56	215	
Blue Grass	5	132	1	3	1	1	2	2,000	1	600	10	4.00	660.00	610.00	70.00	60.00	1.95	40	20	
Kosta	15	149	1	1	7	2	2	2,300	1	600	1,100	475	8.00	800.00	707.00	88.00	82.00	14.35	45	50
Lettsville	8	150	1	3	10	10	3	5,650	1	1,000	1,150	20	6.50	816.00	695.00	80.00	78.00	3.00	22	
Lone Tree	9	156	1	1	6	27	1	4,000	1	500	400	100	4.00	800.00	470.00	80.00	66.00	5.00		
Marengo	31	252	1	1	3	27	1	3,825	1	2,000	153	27	12.00	1300.00	1300.00	100.00	100.00	16.00		
Millersburg	10	141	3	10	8	3	5	5,000	1	600	500	5.00	700.00	415.00	80.00	51.00	50	20		
Oxford	3	160	1	1	3	4	2	6,000			125	8.00	796.00	696.00	75.00	75.00	10.00	35		
Pleasant Hill	6	132	1	1	4	4	4	5,500	1	1,000	130	1,165	7.00	800.00	600.00	90.00	80.00	3.35	21	
Riverside and Richmond	4	255	2	2	2	4	2	8,500	1	500	100	9.00	975.00	715.00	100.00	76.63	10.00	80		
Sweetland Center	13	220	1	1	1	7	3	4,500	1	1,100	15	200	8.00	950.00	950.00	85.00	85.00	6.15	50	
Tiffin	11	125	1	1	4	6	1	3,500	1	800	596	264	7.00	660.00	640.00	75.00	71.00	6.00	26	
Victor	3	78	1	1	4	1	1	2,000			10	4.27	650.00	380.00	73.00	56.00	1.43			
West Liberty	113	2	1	1	1	1	1	8,000			1,500	3.00	1035.00	503.69	75.00	44.00	2.00			
Williamsburg	13	120	1	3	4	6	2	2,200	1	650		3.00	700.00	550.00	75.00	54.00	2.00	10		
Wilton	30	208	2	1	14	1	1	3,800	1	2,000	2,700	700	8.00	1100.00	1100.00	80.00	80.00	5.25	40	
Total this year	185	3093	21	23	42	98	37	\$ 95,795	18	\$ 12,050	\$7,367	\$ 6,031	\$126.27	14,842.00	12,431.69	\$1492.00	\$1322.63	\$126.98	\$548	\$875

STATISTICAL REPORT NO. I, OSKALOOSA DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	MEMBER-HIP.			BAPTISM			CHURCH PROPERTY.			CHURCH EXPENSES.												
	Probationers.	Full Members.	L. Pracht's	Deaths.	Children.	Adults.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonage.	Probable Value.	Build'g & Parson's	Imp. Ch'g	Pastor.	Presid'g Elder	Support of Bishops.	Claims.	Recpts.	Claims.	Recpts.	Confer'ce Claim'nts.	Sunday S. Expenses.	Sext'n and Lights.
Oskaloosa—1st Church.....	5	212	1	1	2	7	1	\$ 8,000	1	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,100	...	...	8,00	\$ 1450.00	\$ 1450.00	\$ 100	\$ 100.00	\$ 16.50	\$ 100	...
Oskaloosa—Simpson.....	291	319	3	3	6	12	1	15,000	1	50	\$ 2,200	7,50	1000.00	1000.00	88	83.50	10,00	140	...	...	...
Brooklyn.....	29	319	1	1	3	2	2	9,000	1	5,932	2,800	7,50	1000.00	1000.00	100	100.00	36.00	60	...	...	...
Beacon.....	1	123	2	1	3	2	2	4,000	1	30	70	5.25	550.00	520.00	50	48.20	5.00	114	...	...	...
Eddyville.....	23	95	1	1	14	1	1	2,500	1	110	...	3.50	800.00	590.00	50	38.00	4.00	35	...	...	...
Gruinell.....	23	228	1	5	8	2	8,000	1	125	653	7,50	1200.00	1041.40	89	77.60	8.00	63	...	...	...
Kellogg.....	2	148	1	1	7	1	1	2,500	1	875	54	6.50	725.00	637.10	75	64.85	25.00	...	...	...	...
Lynnville.....	20	220	1	1	6	34	3	2,500	1	600	845	5.77	760.00	624.65	70	59.00	5.25	20	150	...	...
Malcom.....	18	176	1	1	8	3	3	10,000	1	200	1,500	6.50	850.00	700.00	75	64.25	9.00	80	...	...	...
Montezuma.....	41	173	2	1	9	1	1	2,000	1	800	...	6.50	850.00	850.00	75	75.00	7.00	65	140	...	...
New Sharon.....	12	193	2	2	5	...	2	6,000	1	1,000	100	5.00	900.00	700.00	70	52.50	2.75	60	...	...	...
Newton.....	5	210	1	1	1	1	1	1,500	1	500	25	200	7,50	930.00	930.00	100	100.00	8.00	128	115
Newton Circuit.....	6	193	1	1	5	4	4	9,000	1	800	106	649	8.00	900.00	765.00	100	85.00	8.00	40
North Newton Circuit.....	10	106	1	1	9	4	1	1,500	1	...	...	5.00	750.00	637.00	52	52.00	12.00	32	...	...	...
Otley.....	14	130	3	...	6	3	3	4,300	1	...	...	5.00	450.00	274.00	48	25.80	1.00	35	...	...	...
Pella.....	2	94	2	2	2	3	1	2,000	1	950	300	175	7.00	870.00	736.00	70	68.10	6.25	68
Peoria and Granville.....	20	268	1	1	4	17	3	6,400	2	650	100	...	7.00	700.00	630.70	95	80.00	5.05	20
Springfield.....	7	200	1	1	3	2	2	4,000	1	200	...	5.25	575.00	525.00	60	50.50	1.50	...	...	...	...
Rose Hill.....	5	125	1	1	3	2	2	2,500	1	...	...	3.68	435.00	290.00	44	29.00	1.50	...	...	...	...
Searsboro.....	40	125	5	2	7	3	3	3,400	1	1,000	...	5.00	550.00	332.00	48	45.00	1.25	25	...	...	...
Total this year.....	283	3629	19	22	48	154	40	\$ 104,100	11	\$ 8,875	\$ 9,232	\$ 9,302	\$ 122,95	16,245.00	14,232.85	\$ 1,459	\$ 1,298.30	\$ 162.05	1085	\$ 405

OTTUMWA DISTRICT.

Ottumwa—1st Church.....	17	257	2	1	1	1	1	\$ 10,000	1	\$ 3,500	\$ 300	...	\$ 10,00	\$ 1500.00	\$ 1500.00	\$ 130	\$ 130.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 104	...	...
Ottumwa—Main Street.....	15	200	1	1	6	10	1	12,000	1	...	6,000	8,00	1200.00	1100.00	72	72.00	3.00	75	...	...	...
Ottumwa—Circuit.....	25	129	2	2	1	27	1	1,200	1	...	20	3.25	300.00	300.00	45	38.25	3.70	85	...	...	...
Albia.....	2	185	2	3	1	...	1	6,000	1	120	...	9.00	1120.00	1120.00	110	110.00	12.00	65	...	...	...
Albia Circuit.....	14	203	1	3	2	11	4	4,000	1	60	20	5.55	660.00	517.39	80	55.40	15.00	12	...	...	...
Attica.....	12	252	2	2	5	30	4	5,500	1	600	1,200	6.90	722.00	572.50	90	69.35	11.00	35	...	...	...
Cedar.....	16	240	1	5	2	11	5	6,000	1	300	100	30	7.00	748.00	623.00	85	68.00	3.50	35
Centerville.....	31	189	3	2	...	1	1	4,500	1	1,000	500	1,400	8.00	1000.00	910.00	100	91.00	8.50	45
Chillicothe.....	3	194	3	...	2	3	3	4,250	1	...	...	5.50	618.00	426.00	78	54.26	2.00	27	...	...	...
Durham.....	10	316	3	4	10	6	7,000	1	...	210	200	5.00	650.00	421.89	115	70.00	8.00	54	...	...	...
East Melrose.....	10	150	1	2	1	2	2	3,000	1	...	70	6.00	500.00	450.00	70	56.00	1.00	25	...	...	...
Jerome.....	9	233	3	1	2	50	3	3,200	1	...	...	3.50	450.00	280.00	65	40.00	2.50	...	...	...	...
Kirkville.....	5	266	3	1	1	4	2	7,000	1	1,500	300	9.00	700.00	700.00	100	100.00	5.00	75	...	...	...
Knoxville.....	1	211	5	1	2	1	1	4,000	1	1,200	30	9.00	1025.00	1025.00	100	100.00	16.00	100	...	...	...
Marysville.....	230	2	2	...	2	6	6	6,000	2	500	...	5.00	700.00	480.00	80	51.00	6.00	90	...	...	...
Unionville.....	14	168	1	1	4	1,800	1	400	1,000	...	3.50	450.00	240.00	50	38.45	2.00	18	...	...	...
Total this year.....	184	3423	30	31	26	161	45	\$ 85,450	9	\$ 9,000	\$ 3,590	\$ 7,993	\$ 104,20	12,343.00	10,665.78	\$ 1,370	\$ 1,143.71	\$ 149.20	\$ 845

STATISTICAL REPORT NO. 1.

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

DISTRICTS.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAPTISM				CHURCH PROPERTY.				CHURCH EXPENSES.							
	Probation- ers.	Full Members.	L. Preach's	Deaths.	Children.	Adults.	Churches.	Parsonag's	Probable Value.	Building & Imp. Chu's & Parson's	Probable Value.	Support of Bishops.	PASTORS.	PRES'G ELDER	Conference Claim nis.	Sunday S. Expenses.	Sext'n and Lights.			
KEOKUK.....	250	3,613	28	35	34	190	54	\$ 89,450	14	\$ 13,150	\$ 2,160	\$ 3,050	\$ 96,00	\$ 10,817,00	\$ 1,262	\$ 940,85	\$ 113,48	\$ 581	529	
BURLINGTON.....	130	3,181	16	24	64	96	44	138,575	11	16,600	1,360	1,250	109,50	15,167,50	12,275,00	1,410	1,176,40	279,35	867	578
MOUNT PLEASANT.....	178	3,067	38	39	45	59	44	93,200	12	7,450	10,842	1,300	94,00	10,994,00	8,264,15	1,352	1,065,56	110,76	496	175
MUSCATINE.....	185	3,093	21	23	42	98	37	95,795	13	12,050	7,367	6,031	126,25	14,842,00	12,431,69	1,492	1,322,63	126,98	548	875
OSKALOOSA.....	283	3,629	19	22	48	154	40	104,100	11	8,875	9,232	9,392	122,95	16,245,00	14,232,85	1,459	1,298,30	162,05	1085	405
OTTUMWA.....	184	3,423	30	31	26	161	45	85,450	9	9,000	3,590	7,993	104,20	12,343,00	10,665,78	1,370	1,143,71	149,20	845	....
Total this year.....	1210	20,006	152	174	259	758	264	\$ 606,570	70	\$ 67,125	\$ 34,551	\$ 29,016	\$ 652,90	\$ 80,408,50	\$ 66,412,47	\$ 8,345	6,947,45	\$ 941,82	\$ 4422	\$ 2565
Total last year.....	1447	20,216	188	193	386	1454	253	600,600	66	69,350	23,596	25,604	807,86	84,829,00	73,285,00	8,863	7,709,00	830,49	4922	3294
Increase.....	....	....	....	....	11	\$ 5,970	4	....	....	\$ 10,955	\$ 3,412	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Decrease.....	237	210	36	19	127	696	....	....	....	\$ 2,235	....	....	\$ 154,96	\$ 4,420,50	\$ 7,172,53	\$ 518	\$ 761,55	....	\$ 500	\$ 729

STATISTICAL REPORT NO. 2, BURLINGTON DISTRICT.

**CIRCUITS AND
STATIONS.**

	SUNDAY SCHOOLS.											BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.									
	No. of S. Schools	Officers & Teachers.	Scholars of all Ages.	15 years old and over.	Intermediate.	Infant Class.	Average Art'dance.	Teachers	C'h Mem's. ^x	Scholars	C'h Mem's.	Conver- sions	Library Books.	F. M. S.	Board of Church Extension.	Tract Soci- ety.	Sunday School Union.	F'rdman's	Aid Soc'y.	Edcu- ation.	American Bible Society.
Burlington—Division Street.	1	30	250	95	90	65	215	23	50	7	800	...	\$ 114.42	\$ 22.00	\$ 2,00	\$ 18,00	\$ 13,00	\$ 8,00	...	\$ 10,00	
Burlington—Old Zion	1	21	160	...	...	50	140	21	15	...	400	100	100	20.00	...	8,00	14.00	5.00	...	5.00
Burlington—South	2	27	200	110	60	30	170	21	5	...	...	50	30	8	2.00	...	...	2.00	...	2.00
Burlington—Circuit	3	30	200	110	50	20	17	25	50	40	400	...	34	...	1.00	...	...	...	...	...
Ainsworth	4	46	266	128	88	50	134	36	66	2	60	1	57	18	4.45	...	4,40	...	...	...
Canaan	3	25	160	75	30	...	145	20	...	...	300	...	75	20	...	...	...	...	...	...
Columbus City & Coneville	1	...	30	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	2.00	...	...	4.00	...	...
Danville	2	22	145	...	...	25	...	20	...	...	...	50	13	22.25	1.00	1.20	1,00	1.35	1.50	1.00
Fort Madison	1	14	100	40	35	25	70	14	30	7	...	50	7	31.00	1.00	...	1.50	2.00	...	...
Kossuth	3	30	200	150	30	20	30	120	25	400	...	21	26.00	7.00	9.00	5,00	10.00	...	...
Marshall	5	50	225	95	85	45	148	50	...	...	375	100	6	5.00	1.50	...	4.00	...	...
Morning Sun	2	20	150	100	25	25	140	20	140	7	300	...	...	3.50	1.00	2.00	2.25	4.50	4.00	
Mount Pleasant Circuit	4	41	282	188	64	28	200	40	140	7	...	10	...	7.00	1.00	1,00	8.00	5.00	2.00		
New London	3	24	125	...	...	30	109	20	40	...	100	...	30	6	1.00	...	1.00	...	...
Wapello	3	25	150	75	45	30	120	18	25	5	...	40	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
West Point	5	30	205	115	60	23	130	30	40	25	475	...	14	...	1.50	...	1.50	1.60	50		
Winfield	3	35	190	140	50	6	180	34	80	6	...	...	...	108.01	3.00	3.00	2.00	4.00	4.00	
Mediapolis	3	24	192	76	68	48	143	17	108	20	250	...	20	23	...	...	...	...	...
Total this year	49	484	3230	1497	780	532	2162	433	965	151	3750	151	486	167	\$ 273.72	\$ 186.46	\$ 18.70	\$ 39,50	\$ 69.10	\$ 32.50	\$ 21,50

KEOKUK DISTRICT.

Keokuk—Chatham Square	2	38	300	160	80	60	200	38	100	4	300	...	30	\$ 45.00	\$ 19.00	\$ 3.25	\$ 25	\$ 5.00	
Keokuk—1st Church	2	32	200	32	160	200	...	7	...	25	25	1.60	1.10	1.00	\$ 25	
Bentonsport	5	28	180	100	50	30	160	20	60	2	200	...	72	12	...	2.00	1.00	1.00	2.50	5.00	
Birmingham	2	25	160	50	90	20	150	20	30	20	...	...	50	6	20.00	2.00	50	2.00	3.00
Bloomfield	1	23	226	116	80	30	126	23	50	...	...	...	20	27.00	3.50	1.50	50	2.50	5.00
Bloomfield Circuit	4	28	170	62	57	51	24	23	148	40	150	...	13	5.15	5.00	50	...	50	50		
Bonaparte	2	24	150	40	60	30	120	20	50	6	...	...	...	...	...	60	1.90	...	...
Cincinnati	2	16	150	90	40	20	100	12	50	60	25	25	1.00	1.30	50	1.30	
Drakeville	2	20	150	75	50	25	100	18	70	15	75	8	...	3.00	1.00	3.00	1.00	1.00	
Independent	4	42	230	115	75	40	175	35	120	28	450	15	47	11	13.75	2.00	1.00	1.50	3.00	1.00	
Keosauqua	1	19	187	55	77	55	140	16	27	...	...	...	20	25.46	2.50	1.00	...	2.00	2.00
Lebanon	6	69	258	130	81	47	221	69	115	55	680	...	63	6	...	2.00	...	10	3.00	...	
Milton	2	24	160	60	76	24	128	22	60	...	...	...	16	...	50	10	1.00	50	25
Montrose	2	15	125	50	80	15	100	12	25	4	...	11	12	...	5.00	1.00	...	1.00	...		
Moulton	4	45	300	145	94	61	187	39	72	10	...	...	15	...	...	...	...	...	1.36
Troy	3	20	150	...	...	...	...	20	8	10	200	...	7	...	1.00	...	...	...	1.15
Winchester	4	40	180	105	40	35	121	21	46	4	50	...	28	9	...	1.00	1.00	2.60	2.00	1.15	
Total this year	48	508	3276	1353	1010	575	2212	409	1031	258	2230	51	347	180	\$ 141.36	\$ 45.00	\$ 10.35	\$ 13.15	\$ 32.30	\$ 17.26	\$ 8.55

STATISTICAL REPORT NO. 2, MOUNT PLEASANT DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.

	SUNDAY SCHOOLS.												BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.								
	No. of S. Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars of all Ages.	15 yrs old and over.	Intermediate.	Infant Class.	Average Attendance.	Tech's Chch Members.	Scholars Ch Memb's	Conver- sions.	Library Books.	S. S. Class-	Scholars tak- en.	Advocates taken.	Journals taken.	Woman's F. M. Socy	Board of Church Ex- tension.	Sunday School Union.	Freedman's Aid Soc'y.	Education.	American Bible Society.
Mount Pleasant.	1	24	221	—	—	30	200	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	\$ 146.72	\$ 1.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 100.00	\$50.00
Agency City.	2	36	300	200	100	30	250	200	150	13	—	—	100	30	—	3.00	1.00	1.00	5.00	1.00	—
Batavia.	5	55	355	—	—	68	225	50	—	1	150	—	—	—	—	—	1.20	—	75	—	—
Brighton.	4	39	300	135	79	85	192	30	84	27	200	—	—	25	18	—	—	1.00	25	25	1.00
Fairfield.	1	25	180	65	95	25	—	—	24	60	15	—	—	25	13	—	—	—	—	—	—
Fairfield Circuit.	3	35	200	100	30	70	200	31	15	5	—	—	—	—	12	27.14	5.00	—	4.00	5.00	5.00
Keota.	4	51	240	—	—	—	200	50	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lexington.	3	40	300	—	—	—	280	35	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	20.20	5.00	—	1.06	—
Martinsburg.	4	30	280	125	75	80	200	30	110	25	175	40	30	3	—	—	—	75	1.50	5.45	—
Richland.	6	52	281	100	94	87	220	30	70	3	110	—	—	90	14	—	—	1.00	70	80	1.50
Richwoods.	1	8	50	25	10	15	37	30	10	4	120	15	15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Salem.	4	42	194	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sigourney.	1	18	154	73	56	25	108	15	—	3	—	—	—	10	—	12.82	1.30	79	78	2.30	55
Washington.	1	25	250	100	120	30	150	25	50	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10.00	3.00	4.00	5.00	10.00
Webster.	3	38	200	134	41	25	—	34	40	8	—	—	25	7	—	—	3.20	—	3.00	4.40	2.50
Total this year.	43	518	3505	1057	700	570	2262	574	589	104	755	55	410	127	\$ 206.88	\$ 31.70	\$ 8.49	\$ 18.17	\$ 34.65	\$ 119.50	\$69.00

MUSCATINE DISTRICT.

Muscatine.	1	43	408	—	—	72	253	40	73	3	1000	—	150	37	\$ 97.57	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.05	\$ 2.15	\$ 5.00	\$ 1.00	\$30.00
Muscatine Circuit.	4	69	312	184	67	50	308	63	177	6	500	—	—	23	\$ 63.15	1.75	50	—	3.00	3.00	—
Blue Grass.	3	23	160	70	40	50	165	23	68	2	150	—	25	—	3.00	—	65	60	2.00	—	—
Kosta.	2	30	175	80	65	30	120	25	75	1	—	—	40	17	21.70	3.45	1.35	4.20	6.75	4.60	—
Lettsville.	1	14	90	45	30	15	60	4	20	—	—	—	—	—	15.38	1.00	23	25	1.05	30	35
Lone Tree.	3	25	230	70	—	—	185	23	185	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	25	25	1.50	1.50	25
Marengo.	1	23	300	75	75	153	200	16	75	30	500	—	—	24	29.92	1.00	1.00	5.00	5.00	1.00	5.00
Millersburg.	3	25	125	40	60	25	100	20	60	4	110	—	—	8	—	—	25	25	6.00	6.00	—
Oxford.	2	21	160	70	65	25	125	20	40	2	—	—	—	8	—	6.00	5.00	6.00	5.00	5.00	
Pleasant Hill.	5	50	240	136	49	49	166	38	57	6	—	—	42	21	—	—	—	—	1.15	—	—
Riverside and Richmond.	5	39	304	140	88	76	217	25	135	—	—	—	75	15	—	4.00	—	1.00	6.00	—	—
Sweetland Center.	3	35	230	100	75	55	200	30	40	10	150	—	40	20	—	1.15	35	40	1.25	50	1.00
Tiffin.	4	32	135	65	45	25	115	25	70	4	300	—	—	18	12.90	—	1.50	—	5.00	2.50	1.00
Victor.	2	14	100	—	—	—	—	50	12	—	—	—	—	—	9.44	—	—	—	1.08	—	—
West Liberty.	1	20	100	20	50	30	60	—	—	—	—	—	15	16	1.00	1.00	—	1.00	1.00	—	—
Williamsburg.	5	30	175	116	59	—	100	30	100	25	—	40	40	7	—	—	40	10	35	10	5.00
Wilton.	1	14	137	60	40	37	117	14	40	86	—	—	—	20	1.61	—	—	—	5.67	4.25	9.64
Total this year.	46	506	3381	1281	808	692	2341	408	1165	179	2710	40	417	240	\$ 255.87	\$ 22.00	\$ 13.23	\$ 22.70	\$ 51.75	\$ 26.00	\$52.24

STATISTICAL REPORT NO. 2, OSKALOOSA DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.

	No. of S. Schools	SUNDAY SCHOOLS.										BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.											
		Officers & Teachers.	Scholars of all Ages.	15 yrs old and over.	Intermediate.	Infant Class.	Average Attendance.	Teachers.	C'g Mem's.	Scholars	C'g Mem's.	Conver- sions.	Library Books.	S. S. Class- mates t'ken.	Advocates taken.	Journals taken.	Woman's F. M. S.	Board of Church Extension.	Tract Soci- ety.	Sunday School Union.	Fredman's Aid Soc'y.	Educa- tion.	American Bible Society.
Oskaloosa—1st Church.....	1	18	160	50	110	25	125	12	40	7	656	100	100	24	14	\$ 44,60	\$ 2,00	50	1,25	2,50	2,50	5,00	
Oskaloosa—Simpson.....	1	27	181	80	66	35	140	27	80	6	800	100	100	24	14	\$ 2,00	50	1,00	9,00	3,00	4,00	\$ 4,00	
Brooklyn.....	1	16	197	67	102	28	129	15	57	6	... ...	36	29	24	24	17,00	6,00	\$ 3,00	5,00	9,00	3,00	3,00
Beacon.....	3	28	190	100	50	40	175	15	72	2	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	22,39	2,00	... ...	... ...	... ...	...	...
Eddyville.....	1	13	125	65	35	25	85	13	25	8	80	100	100	24	24	7,95	... ...	...	...	...	...	...
Grinnell.....	2	22	205	95	73	27	135	22	10	15	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	11	30,00	... ...	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,25	2,50
Kellogg.....	3	27	200	50	... ...	80	140	25	... ...	250	... ...	70	20	20	20	18,00	2,00	40	50	3,00	1,00	...
Lynnville.....	4	30	225	180	45	25	190	30	100	20	... ...	... ...	20	25	25	18,00	2,00	40	50	3,00	1,00	...
Malcom.....	3	34	260	85	... ...	32	160	20	40	... ...	100	50	50	16	16	... ...	1,00	... ...	...	...	1,00	...
Montezuma.....	2	28	150	100	25	15	135	28	25	15	50	60	18	18	18	... ...	3,80	... ...	8,42	5,00	2,50	...
New Sharon.....	2	26	170	70	50	50	150	20	75	25	25	60	26	26	26	53,75	1,00	25	1,20	...	...	...
Newton.....	1	21	235	... ...	74	135	17	40	4	... ...	100	6	100	10	10	22,95	2,00	1,00	1,00	2,00	3,00	...
Newton Circuit.....	4	45	300	200	50	50	190	35	35	10	200	... ...	25	10	10	... ...	... ...	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,50	...
North Newton Circuit.....	4	30	210	120	60	30	135	30	165	2	... ...	55	18	18	18	... ...	1,00	1,00	1,00	2,70	6,00	2,00
Otley.....	3	29	158	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	1,00	50	1,00	50	...	...
Pella.....	1	16	105	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	16	... ...	200	... ...	15	15	15	15	37,57	2,00	75	2,00	2,25	50	...
Peoria and Granville.....	3	34	200	159	32	19	10	25	10	15,00	10	10	15,00	1,40	20	80	1,05	95	30	...
Springfield.....	3	25	175	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	1,00	25	25	50	25	25	...
Rose Hill.....	3	26	160	... ...	... ...	120	20	... ...	70	... ...	20	19	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	...	...	...	...
Total this year.....	45	495	3606	1252	666	536	2294	377	764	209	2361	160	721	302	\$ 269,21	\$ 23,90	\$ 12,15	\$ 14,80	\$ 45,87	\$ 38,20	\$ 9,05	...	

OTTUMWA DISTRICT.

	No. of S. Schools	225	200	125	50	25	150	25	60	10	250	30	17	\$ 40,00	\$ 8,00	\$ 7,00	\$ 22,00	\$ 14,00	\$ 14,65			
Ottumwa—1st Church.....	1	24	225	... ...	40	180	23	... ...	4	600	... ...	30	17	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	...	...
Ottumwa—Main Street.....	2	21	200	... ...	25	150	20	... ...	10	250	... ...	35	14	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	...	...
Ottumwa—Circuit.....	5	35	200	125	50	25	175	25	60	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	1,85	... ...	2,25	1,45	...	...
Albia.....	1	19	250	125	85	40	175	17	30	100	... ...	20	20	\$ 36,85	4,00	4,25	4,25	4,00	3,00	...	...
Albia Circuit.....	5	52	250	172	60	25	200	44	103	20	240	24	24	24	3,00	55	4,25	2,50	1,00	25	...	
Attica.....	4	46	225	150	50	25	61	40	175	30	900	... ...	... ...	... ...	1,00	50	50	81,50	...	...	...
Cedar.....	4	40	230	120	80	40	174	35	85	30	... ...	50	6	50	6	10	10	1,30	...	...	...
Centerville.....	1	18	150	65	70	15	125	16	60	... ...	... ...	40	15	19,28	3,25	1,25	3,25	8,00	4,50	6,75	...
Chilllicothe.....	2	10	120	... ...	... ...	70	70	3	200	... ...	4	4	4	31,50	1,00	25	25	2,00	...	...	...
Durham.....	6	50	342	82	70	60	232	40	95	15	33	4	33	4	14,38	10	10	1,00
East Melrose.....	2	20	70	40	20	15	60	20	30	... ...	... ...	70	10	14,38	10	10	10	2,00	...	...	...
Jerome.....	4	19	160	... ...	... ...	130	19	... ...	... ...	13	12	12	12	1,50	... ...	2,60	50	...	...	...	...
Kirkyville.....	2	27	250	... ...	75	170	27	... ...	150	30	50	16	16	4,00	4,00	8,00	3,00	...	...	...	...
Knoxville.....	1	29	171	... ...	35	165	29	... ...	2	300	... ...	10	10	34,00	1,00	2,00	2,00	6,30	3,40	5,00	...
Marysville.....	6	40	300	150	75	75	30	35	50	... ...	... ...	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Unionville.....	5	50	225	158	67	... ...	50	100	140	... ...	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Total this year.....	51	500	3368	1187	627	495	2077	510	791	111	2880	43	344	164	\$ 136,01	\$ 71,30	\$ 6,80	\$ 21,25	141,35	\$ 23,85	\$ 26,65	...

STATISTICAL REPORT NO. 2.

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

DISTRICTS.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS.												BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.											
		No. of S. Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars of all Ages. 15 yr's old and over.	Intermediate. at.	Infant Class.	Average Attendace.	Tech's C'ch Members.	Scholars C'h Memb's	Conver- sions.	Library Books.	S. S. Class- mates tak'n	Advocates taken.	Journals taken.	\$ Woman's F. M. Soc'y	Board of Church Ex- tension.	Sunday School Union.	Freedman's Aid Soc'y.	Education.	American Bible Society.					
KOKUM.....	48	508	3,276	1,353	1010	575	2,012	409	1081	258	2,230	151	347	180	\$ 141.36	\$ 45.00	\$ 10.35	\$ 13.15	\$ 32.80	\$ 17.26	8.55				
BURLINGTON.....	49	484	3,330	1,497	780	532	2,162	433	965	161	3,750	151	486	167	273.72	186.46	18.70	39.50	69.10	32.50	21.50				
MOUNT PLEASANT.....	43	518	3,505	1,057	700	570	2,062	574	589	104	755	55	410	127	206.88	31.70	8.49	18.17	34.65	119.80	69.60				
MUSCATINE.....	46	506	3,381	1,281	808	692	2,541	404	1065	179	2,710	40	417	240	255.87	22.00	13.23	22.70	51.75	26.90	52.54				
OSKALOOSA.....	45	495	3,606	1,252	666	536	2,294	377	764	209	2,361	160	721	302	252.21	23.90	12.15	14.80	45.87	33.20	9.05				
OTTUMWA.....	51	500	3,368	1,187	627	495	2,077	510	791	111	2,880	43	344	164	136.01	71.30	16.80	21.25	141.35	23.85	26.65				
Total this year.....	282	3011	20,466	7,577	4591	3400	13,148	2707	5205	1022	14,688	600	2725	1180	1,266.05	\$ 380.36	\$ 79.72	\$ 129.57	\$ 375.02	\$ 253.51	\$ 187.89				
Total last year.....	284	3033	21,170	8,582	4810	3003	14,520	2423	5089	2196	13,203	1082	4105	1406	1,370.74	373.42	87.54	100.66	259.66	235.58	70.90				
Increase.....						397		284	116		1,483					6.93		28.91	115.36	\$ 17.93	\$ 116.99				
Decrease.....	2	22	704	1,005	219		1,372		1174		482	1880	226		\$ 104.69		782								

THIRTY-FIFTH
ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
IOWA CONFERENCE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

1877-78.

A—REPORT OF SECRETARY.

ANNIVERSARY.

The Thirty-Fifth Anniversary of the Iowa Conference Missionary Society was held in the M. E. Church, Brooklyn, Iowa, September 7th, 1878, at 7 P. M.

After Devotional Exercises, A. McClintock, J. W. Wright and Dr. B. St. James Fry, addressed the meeting.

ANNUAL SERMON.

Rev. T. E. Corkhill, preached the Annual Sermon, September 7th, 1878—
3 P. M.

ADDRESS FOR 1878.

The Board of Managers appointed J. W. Cheney to make the Opening Address at the next Anniversary.

B—REPORT OF TREASURER.

BURLINGTON DISTRICT—J. B. BLAKENEY, P. E.

CHARGES.	PREACHERS.	From Churches.	From Sunday Schools.	Totals.	Increase.	Decrease.	Average per Member.
Burlington—Divis'n St.	J. C. Brown	\$ 54.00	\$ 71.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 3.00		\$115
Burlington—Old Zion	C. B. Clark	70.00	70.00	140.00		\$10.00	56
Burlington—South	N. Wells		20.00	20.00		26.00	18
Burlington—Circuit	M. Sea	12.00	16.00	28.00		2.12	20
Ainsworth	O. P. Light	37.00		37.00	50		26
Canaan	A. Robinson					7.50	
Col. City and Coneville		5.00		5.00		7.80	5
Danville	I. N. Busby	34.00	3.00	37.00		2.00	30
Fort Madison	B. F. Karns	19.00	11.00	30.00	25.00		43
Kossuth	T. J. Myers	84.00	29.00	113.00	26.00		50
Marshall	E. J. Pike	42.00		42.00	2.00		16
Mediapolis	M. Bamford	55.00	15.00	70.00	23.00		60
Morning Sun	G. M. Tuttle	15.85	5.15	21.00	1.00		10
Mt. Pleasant Circuit	S. S. Murphy	58.00	12.00	70.00		14.00	31
New London	J. C. Kendrick	17.00	3.25	20.25		10.45	12
Wapello	A. Kershaw	5.50		5.50	3.50		6
West Point	P. F. Holtzinger	8.48		8.48		8.52	6
Winfield	J. G. Thompson	46.00		46.00		44.00	21
Totals		\$ 662.83	\$ 255.40	\$ 918.23	\$ 84.00	132.39	29

KEOKUK DISTRICT.—T. E. CORKHILL, P. E.

Keokuk—Chatham Sq.	J. T. Simmons	\$ 37.00	\$ 38.00	\$ 75.00	\$	\$ 25.00	45
Keokuk—1st Church	W. N. Groome	20.75	14.65	35.40		54.60	17
Bertonsporte	C. W. Shepherd	34.00	6.00	40.00		4.15	24
Birmingham	J. W. Cheney	77.00	3.00	80.00	10.00		35
Bloomfield	G. W. Byrkit	71.00	41.00	112.00		163.00	56
Bloomfield Circuit	J. W. Wright	17.00	3.00	20.00			5
Bonaparte	J. Craig	15.75		15.75			
Cincinnati	J. Hunter	23.00		23.00		7.50	8
Drakeville	A. W. Haines	26.00		26.00	20.77		13
Independent	L. C. Carroll	80.00		80.00	50.00		30
Keosauqua	T. Stephenson	22.00	16.00	38.00	5.00		16
Lebanon	J. Gassner	56.95	3.05	60.00	8.00		45
Milton	W. E. Patterson	24.00	2.00	26.00	11.00		15
Montrose	J. F. Robertson	30.00		30.00	25.90		25
Moulton	J. S. Freeland	16.00	2.00	18.00	8.00		8
Troy	F. W. Adams	19.00		19.00		23.85	9
Winchester	C. D. Fawcett	42.50		42.50	17.50		39
Totals		\$ 611.95	\$ 128.70	\$ 740.65	\$ 156.17	\$ 278.85	24

MOUNT PLEASANT DISTRICT—J. WHEELER, P. E.

Mount Pleasant	F. W. Evans	\$ 85.00	\$ 70.90	\$ 155.90	\$	\$ 15.35	26
Agency City	R. B. Allender	50.00	30.30	80.30	9.30		36
Batavia	J. B. Hill	44.90		44.90		11.20	17
Brighton	J. L. King	28.00		28.00	23.00		16
Fairfield	J. Haynes	42.00	35.10	77.10	16.60		33
Fairfield Circuit	J. T. Coleman	5.20		5.20		54.80	4
Keota	W. I. Miller	32.75		32.75	5.25		17
Lexington	J. R. Reasoner	38.86	22.37	61.23		21.22	39
Martinsburgh	H. F. Pugh	13.00	3.00	16.00	1.00		12
Richland	J. S. Ferguson	15.00	5.00	20.00		39.00	9
Richwoods						2.00	
Salem	G. H. Clarke					6.70	
Sigourney	C. S. Cooper	12.65		12.65	65		9
Washington	J. C. W. Coxe	25.00	25.00	50.00			25
Webster	John Davis	37.00		37.00	5.40		18
Totals		\$ 429.36	\$ 191.67	\$ 621.03	\$ 61.20	\$ 143.57	19

MUSCATINE DISTRICT.—I. A. BRADRICK, P. E.

CHARGES.	PREACHERS.	From Churches.	From Sunday Schools.	Totals.	Increase.	Decrease.	Average per Member.
Muscatine.....	G. N. Power.....	\$ 79.45	\$ 115.92	\$ 195.37	\$	\$ 18.63	54
Muscatine Circuit.....	A. V. Francis.....	66.02	10.00	76.02	6.02	.....	24
Blue Grass.....	S. H. Thomas.....	17.35	4.65	22.00	4.00	.....	19
Kosta.....	R. A. Carnine.....	50.00	4.32	54.32	.....	7.68	36
Lettsville.....	D. C. Bevan.....	56.28	3.72	60.00	17.00	.....	30
Lone Tree.....	C. S. Jennis.....	20.00	.....	20.00	.....	10.00	13
Marengo.....	D. Murphy.....	92.41	32.62	125.03	.....	41.07	58
Millersburg.....	R. J. Kenyon.....	3.00	2.00	5.00	.....	23.00	3
Oxford.....	D. A. Watters.....	63.00	7.00	70.00	.....	19.00	43
Pleasant Hill.....	O. C. Shelton.....	50.00	.....	50.00	.....	60	31
Riverside & Richmond	W. H. Honn.....	40.00	20.00	60.00	.....	35.00	23
Sweetland Center.....	A. McClintock.....	68.20	11.80	80.00	10.00	.....	35
Tiffin.....	E. Sampson.....	8.32	21.68	30.00	.....	20.00	27
Victor.....	J. B. Hardy.....	34.02	.....	34.02	.....	8.73	34
West Liberty.....	J. W. Chaffin.....	9.00	7.20	16.20	.....	13.80	9
Williamsburg.....	J. M. Mann.....	24.50	.....	24.50	.....	26.85	20
Wilton.....	U. B. Smith.....	124.05	40.00	164.05	45.30	.....	100
Totals .....	.....	\$ 806.62	\$ 280.91	\$ 1086.51	\$ 82.32	\$ 216.36	33

OSKALOOSA DISTRICT.—D. C. SMITH, P. E.

Oskaloosa—1st Church	W. H. H. Pillsbury	\$ 64.00	\$ 36.00	\$ 100.00	\$	\$	47
Oskaloosa—Simpson	W. F. Cowles.....	7.00	24.00	31.00	.....	67.00	10
Brooklyn.....	W. G. Thorne.....	74.00	6.00	80.00	.....	21.00	23
Beacon.....	W. R. Stryker.....	21.10	.....	21.10	7.60	.....	14
Eddyville.....	T. C. Miller.....	16.00	.....	16.00	12.85	.....	16
Grinnell.....	E. L. Briggs.....	142.76	12.71	155.47	51.22	.....	78
Kellogg.....	C. P. Reynolds.....	44.50	9.00	53.50	17.50	.....	36
Lynnville.....	C. Morey.....	53.00	4.00	57.00	7.00	.....	30
Malcom.....	A. V. Kendrick.....	35.00	.....	35.00	.....	10.00	26
Montezuma.....	B. F. Shane.....	87.00	20.00	107.00	37.00	.....	75
New Sharon.....	S. R. Ferguson.....	36.27	9.7	37.24	12.24	.....	21
Newton.....	E. L. Schreiner.....	54.25	21.00	75.25	3.25	.....	36
Newton Circuit.....	J. M. Coats.....	105.00	5.00	110.00	20.00	.....	51
North Newton Circuit.	E. P. Michener.....	50.35	.....	50.35	.....	31.65	42
Otley.....	John Butler.....	3.50	.....	3.50	.....	3.50	5
Pella.....	J. W. Robinson.....	27.65	9.00	36.65	.....	14.00	37
Peoria and Granville.	L. O. House.....	63.10	2.00	65.10	.....	31.07	25
Rose Hill.....	J. A. Cook.....	15.05	.....	15.05	5.05	.....	12
Searsboro.....	S. C. Smith.....	28.15	1.34	29.49	1.39	.....	24
District.....	D. C. Smith.....	5.00	.....	5.00	5.00	.....	.....
Springfield.....	A. C. Keeler.....	20.50	.....	20.50	9.50	.....	9
Totals .....	.....	\$ 953.18	\$ 151.02	\$ 1,104.20	\$ 189.60	\$ 178.22	31

OTTUMWA DISTRICT.—B. MARK, P. E.

Ottumwa—1st Church	J. W. McDonald.....	\$ 132.00	\$ 126.00	\$ 258.00	\$ 20.00	\$	1,00
Ottumwa—Main Street	I. P. Teter.....	18.00	.....	18.00	.....	12.00	9
Ottumwa Circuit.....	S. S. Martin.....	11.00	.....	11.00	1.00	.....	9
Albia.....	C. L. Stafford.....	175.00	25.00	200.00	30.00	.....	1,08
Albia Circuit.....	C. H. Montgomery.....	22.00	.....	22.00	.....	34.00	11
Attica.....	W. H. H. Smith.....	230.15	11.00	241.15	17.15	.....	1,03
Cedar.....	G. Nulton.....	29.20	10.80	40.00	.....	22.00	17
Centerville.....	H. E. Wing.....	50.00	9.33	59.33	.....	16.19	30
Chillicothe.....	C. R. Norton.....	13.00	.....	13.00	.....	17.00	5
Durham.....	John Potter.....	64.00	.....	64.00	.....	1.90	21
East Melrose.....	W. A. Nye.....	8.00	.....	8.00	.....	14.00	6
Jerome.....	J. H. Hard.....	15.00	.....	15.00	10.00	.....	10
Kirkville.....	W. I. Graham.....	41.00	9.00	50.00	.....	37.00	19
Knoxville.....	J. G. Barton.....	40.00	35.00	75.00	.....	39.36	36
Marysville.....	A. R. Jones.....	13.00	.....	13.00	.....	15.60	6
Unionville.....	.....	25.25	1.75	27.00	6.19	.....	16
Totals .....	.....	\$ 885.60	\$ 227.88	\$ 1113.48	\$ 84.34	\$ 210.05	32

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

DISTRICTS.	PRESIDING ELDERS.	From Churches.	From Sunday Schools.	Totals.	Increase.	Decrease.	Average per Member.
Burlington	J. B. Blakeney	\$ 662.83	\$ 255.40	\$ 918.23	\$	\$ 48.39	29
Keokuk	T. E. Corkhill	611.95	128.70	740.65	.....	122.68	24
Mount Pleasant	John Wheeler	429.36	191.67	621.03	.....	89.07	19
Muscatine	I. A. Bradrick	800.62	280.91	1086.51	.....	134.04	33
Oskaloosa	D. C. Smith	953.18	151.02	1104.20	11.38	.....	33
Ottumwa	B. Mark	885.60	227.88	1113.48	.....	125.71	32
Totals .....	.....	\$4343.54	\$1235.58	\$5584.10	\$ 11.38	\$ 519.89	28
Decrease .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	508.51	.....

Treasurer of the Iowa Conference Missionary Society:

	DR.	CR.
To Amount of Collections from Charges	\$ 5,584.10	.....
To Amount on hand at last Report	89.34	.....
By Cash paid Hitchcock & Walden, Sept. 5th and 6th .....	.....	\$ 4,721.50
By Cash forwarded to Hitchcock & Walden during the year .....	.....	793.17
By Cash paid for publication of Minutes 1877 .....	.....	30.00
By Discounts, Incidental Expenses and Due Bills of 1876 .....	.....	10.57
By Balance on hand September 9th, 1878 .....	.....	118.20
Grand Totals	\$ 5,673.44	\$ 5,673.44

VIII. APPOINTMENTS.

NOTE.—The Deacons are indicated by a * and the Probationers by a †. The figures denote the number of years in the appointment.

BURLINGTON DISTRICT.—J. B. BLAKENEY, P. E., 8.

Burlington, Division Street—J. C. Brown, 2.	Kassuth—T. J. Myers, 2.
Burlington; Old Zion—C. B. Clark, 3.	Marshall—E. J. Pike, 2.
Burlington, South—G. W. Byrkit, 1.	Morning Sun—J. E. Corley, 1.
Burlington Circuit—G. M. Tuttle, 1	Mount Pleasant Circuit—N. Wells, 1.
Ainsworth—O. P. Light, 2.	New London—J. C. Kendrick, 2.
Canaan—M. See, 1.	Wappelo—C. F. Williams, †, 1.
Columbus City and Coneville—To be supplied.	West Point—A. Kershaw, 1.
Danville—I. N. Busby, 3.	Winfield, J. G. Thompson, 3.
Fort Madison—B. F. Karns, 2.	Mediapolis—M. Bamford, 2.
	Tama Town and Kingston—To be supplied.

KEOKUK DISTRICT.—T. E. CORKHILL, P. E., 2.

Keokuk, Chatham Square—C. L. Stafford, 1.	Drakeville—A. W. Haines, 2.
Keokuk, First Church—T. Stephenson, 1.	Independent—L. C. Carroll, 3.
Bentonsport—C. W. Shepherd, 2.	Keosauqua—S. S. Murphy, 1.
Birmingham—Jas. Hunter, 1.	Lebanon—Jesse Craig, 1.
Bloomfield—J. W. Cheney, 1.	Milton—W. E. Patterson, 2.
Bloomfield Circuit—J. W. Wright, 3.	Montrose—To be supplied.
Farmington—J. S. Freeland, 1.	Moulton—J. F. Robertson, †, 1.
Cincinnati—To be supplied.	Troy—P. Holtzinger, 1.
	Winchester—C. D. Fawcett, †, 2.
	Mt. Sterling—To be supplied.

MOUNT PLEASANT DISTRICT.—JOHN WHEELER, P. E., 3.

Mount Pleasant—J. T. Simmons, 1.	Richland—W. I. Miller, 2.
Agency City—R. B. Allender, 3.	Richwoods—John Orr, 1.
Batavia, Geo. Swanston, 1.	Salem—S. F. Bishop, †, 1.
Brighton—J. L. King, 2.	Sigourney—C. S. Cooper, 3.
Fairfield—John Haynes, 2.	Sigourney Circuit—To be supplied.
Fairfield Circuit—J. Gassner, 1.	Washington—J. C. W. Coxe, 2.
Keota—H. F. Pugh, 1.	Webster—John Davis, 2.
Lexington—J. R. Reasoner, 2.	Dahomega—A. Robinson, 1.
Martinsburg—P. H. Bodkin, †, 1.	

W. J. Spaulding, President of the Iowa Wesleyan University; G. W. F. Willey, Professor in Iowa Wesleyan University, both members of the Mount Pleasant Quarterly Conference. S. W. Siberts, Missionary to Mexico.

MUSCATINE DISTRICT.—I. A. BRADICK, P. E., 3.

Muscatine—D. Murphy, 1.
 Muscatine Circuit—J. B. Hill, 1.
 Blue Grass—C. S. Jennie.
 Kosta—R. A. Carnine, 2.
 Lettsville—D. C. Bevan, 2.
 Lone Tree—S. H. Thomas, 1.
 Marengo—Geo. N. Power, 1.
 Millersburg—R. J. Kenyon, 2.
 Oxford—D. A. Watters, 2.
 Pleasant Hill—O. C. Shelton, 2.

Riverside and Richmond—W. H. Honn, 3.
 Sweetland Center—A. McClintock, 3.
 Tiffin—E. Sampson, 2.
 Victor—G. W. Story, †, 1.
 West Liberty—A. V. Francis, 1.
 Williamsburg—J. M. Mann, 3.
 Wilton—U. B. Smith, 2.
 Brooklyn Circuit—J. B. Hardy, 1.

OSKALOOSA DISTRICT.—D. C. SMITH, P. E., 4.

Oskaloosa, First Church—W. H. H. Pillsbury, 3.
 Oskaloosa, Simpson—W. G. Thorne, 1.
 Brooklyn—E. L. Schreiner, 1.
 Beacon—A. C. Keeler, 1.
 Edyville—J. T. McFarland, 1.
 Grinnell—W. F. Cowles, 1.
 Kellogg—C. P. Reynolds, 2.
 Lynnyville—B. F. Shane, 1.
 Malcom—A. V. Kendrick, 2.
 Montezuma—L. O. Housel, 1.
 New Sharon—S. R. Ferguson, 2.

Newton—F. W. Evans, 1.
 Newton Circuit—E. P. Michener, 1.
 North Newton Circuit—J. A. Cooke, †, 1.
 Otley—L. M. Hartley, †, 1.
 Pella—J. W. Robinson, 3.
 Granville and Peoria—J. M. Coats, 1.
 Springfield—C. Morey, 1.
 Rose Hill—I. O. Kimble, 1.
 Searsboro—to be supplied by S. C. Smith.

Samuel P. Craver, Missionary to Mexico.

OTTUMWA DISTRICT.—BANNER MARK, P. E., 3.

Ottumwa, 1st Church—J. W. McDonnell, 3.
 Ottumwa, Main St.—I. P. Teter, 3.
 Ottumwa Circuit—S. S. Martin,* 2.
 Albia—G. W. Wilson, 1.
 Albia Circuit—Jno. Potter, 1.
 Attica—W. H. H. Smith, 2.
 Cedar—Geo. Nulton, 2.
 Centerville—H. E. Wing, 2.
 Chillicothe—C. R. Norton, 2.

Durham—C. H. Montgomery; 1 & O. J. McFadden, † 1.
 East Melrose—to be supplied by W. A. Nye.
 Jerome—J. H. Hard,* 2.
 Kirkville—W. I. Graham, † 2.
 Knoxville—J. G. Barton, 3.
 Marysville—A. R. Jones, 2.
 Unionville—to be supplied.

CONFERENCE ROLL AND RECORD.

1878.

N. B.—"E" is for Effective Elder; "D" for Deacon; "P" for Probationers; "Sy" for Supernumerary; "Sup" for Superannuated. All Post Offices in small CAPITALS are out of the bounds of the Iowa Conference.

NAMES.	Entered Itinerary.	CONFERENCE.	Entered Iowa Conference.	P. O. ADDRESS.	COUNTY.
Allender, Richard B.	E 1854	Iowa.....	1854	Agency City.....	Wapello.....
Bamford, Morris	E 1871	".....	1871	Mediapolis.....	Des Moines.....
Barton, James G.	E 1868	".....	1868	Knoxville.....	Marion.....
Beavan, David C.	E 1871	".....	1871	Lettsville.....	Louisa.....
Bishop, Samuel F.	P 1878	".....	1878	Salem.....	Henry.....
Blakeney, James B.	E 1852	West Virginia.....	1870	Burlington.....	Des Moines.....
Bodkin, Patrick H.	P 1878	Iowa.....	1878	Martinsburg.....	Keokuk.....
Bradrick, Isaah A.	E 1851	Ohio.....	1856	Mount Pleasant.....	Henry.....
Brown, John C.	E 1853	Pittsburg.....	1865	Burlington.....	Des Moines.....
Burgess, John	Sup 1844	North Ohio.....	1858	Keokuk.....	Lee.....
Busby, Isaac N.	E 1868	Iowa.....	1868	Danville.....	Des Moines.....
Byrkitt, George W.	E 1857	".....	1857	Burlington.....	Des Moines.....
Carnine, Robert A.	E 1873	".....	1873	Kosta.....	Iowa.....
Carroll, Layfayette C.	E 1874	".....	1874	Hickory.....	Van Buren.....
Cheney, Joseph W.	E 1869	".....	1869	Bloomfield.....	Davis.....
Clark, Charles B.	E 1864	".....	1864	Burlington.....	Des Moines.....
Clark, George H.	Sy 1851	".....	1851	Salem.....	Henry.....
Coats, James M.	E 1860	".....	1860	Granville.....	Mahaska.....
oleman, James T.	Sup 1847	".....	1847	Fairfield.....	Jefferson.....
Cook, Joseph A.	P 1877	".....	1877	Newton.....	Jasper.....
Cooper, Charles S.	E 1871	Missouri.....	1874	Sigourney.....	Keokuk.....
Corkhill, Thomas E.	E 1851	Iowa.....	1851	Mount Pleasant.....	Henry.....
Corley, Joseph E.	E 1871	".....	1871	Morning Sun.....	Louisa.....
Cowles, William F.	E 1843	Michigan.....	1851	Grinnell.....	Poweshiek.....
Coxe, J. C. Watson	E 1864	Vermont.....	1874	Washington.....	Washington.....
Craig, Jesse	E 1845	Pittsburg.....	1855	Lebanon.....	Van Buren.....
Craver, Samuel P.	E 1875	Iowa.....	1875	GUANAJUATO.....	Mexico.....
Davis, John	E 1869	New Con'eticut, Can.	1871	Webster.....	Keokuk.....
Evans, F. W.	E 1851	Iowa.....	1851	Newton.....	Jasper.....
Fawcett, Colenson D.	P 1877	".....	1877	Winchester.....	Van Buren.....
Ferguson, John S.	Sy 1865	".....	1865	Richland.....	Keokuk.....
Ferguson, Samuel R.	E 1872	Des Moines.....	1872	New Sharon.....	Mahaska.....
Francis, Arthur V.	E 1872	Iowa.....	1872	West Liberty.....	Muscatine.....
Freeland, John S.	E 1871	West Virginia.....	1876	Farmington.....	Van Buren.....
Gassner, Joseph	E 1836	Ohio.....	1854	Mount Pleasant.....	Henry.....
Graham, William I.	P 1877	Iowa.....	1877	Kirkville.....	Wapello.....
Haines, Aaron W.	E 1869	".....	1869	Drakeville.....	Davis.....
Hard, Jacob H.	D 1875	".....	1875	Jerome.....	Appanoose.....
Hardy, Joshua B.	E 1843	Rock River.....	1844	Brooklyn.....	Poweshiek.....
Harris, John	Sup 1845	Iowa.....	1845	Corning.....	Adams.....
Hartley, Levi M.	P 1878	".....	1878	Otley.....	Marion.....
Hayden, John	Sup 1841	Rock River.....	1844	Libertyville.....	Jefferson.....
Haynes, James	Sup 1855	Iowa.....	1855	OMAHA.....	Nebraska.....
Haynes, John	E 1857	".....	1857	Fairfield.....	Jefferson.....
Hestwood, Samuel	Sup 1853	".....	1853	Victor.....	Iowa.....
Hill, John B.	E 1852	West Virginia.....	1857	Muscatine.....	Muscatine.....

CONFERENCE ROLL AND RECORD—*Continued.*

NAMES.	Entered Itinerancy.	CONFERENCE.	Entered Iowa Conference.	P. O. ADDRESS.	COUNTY.
Holland, Benjamin...Sup	1853	Iowa.....	1853	Mount Pleasant.....	Henry.....
Holtzinger, Peter F....E	1843	Ohio.....	1854	Troy.....	Davis.....
Honn, William H.....E	1867	Iowa.....	1867	Richmond.....	Washington.....
Housel, Lauren O.....E	1873	".....	1873	Montezuma.....	Poweshiek.....
Hunter, James.....E	1873	".....	1873	Birmingham.....	Van Buren.....
Hurt, William S.....Sy	1874	".....	1874	Sonapart.....	Van Buren.....
Jennis, Chesly S.....E	1859	".....	1859	Blue Grass.....	Scott.....
Johnson, Allen W....Sup	1843	Rock River.....	1844	Dudley.....	Wapello.....
Jones, Alvin R.....E	1872	Iowa.....	1872	Marysville.....	Marion.....
Karnes, Benjamin F....E	1871	".....	1871	Fort Madison.....	Lee.....
Keeler, Augustus C....E	1873	".....	1873	Beacon.....	Mahaska.....
Kemble, Ira O.....E	1865	".....	1865	Rose Hill.....	Mahaska.....
Kendrick, Americus V....E	1873	".....	1873	Malcom.....	Poweshiek.....
Kendrick, John C.....E	1869	".....	1869	New London.....	Henry.....
Kenyon, Randall J.....E	1867	".....	1867	Millersburg.....	Iowa.....
Kershaw, Andrew.....E	1874	".....	1874	West Point.....	Lee.....
King, James L.....E	1870	".....	1870	Brighton.....	Washington.....
Kirkpatrick, Tho's M....Sup	1837	Rock River.....	1844	BEDFORD.....	
Light, Oliver P.....E	1852	Illinois.....	1867	Ainsworth.....	Washington.....
Mann, James M.....E	1866	Iowa.....	1866	Williamsburg.....	Iowa.....
Mark, Banner.....E	1848	Ohio.....	1860	Oskaloosa.....	Mahaska.....
Martin, Sebern S.....D	1877	Iowa.....	1877	Ottumwa.....	Wapello.....
McClintock, Alfred.....E	1865	Upper Iowa.....	1870	Sweetland Center.....	Muscatine.....
McCutchens, James H....Sup	1839	Ohio.....	1857	New Boston.....	Lee.....
McDonald, J. Wilbur.....E	1866	Iowa.....	1866	Ottumwa.....	Wapello.....
McDowell, Joseph....Sup	1830	Ohio.....	1849	Mount Pleasant.....	Henry.....
McFadden, Oscar J....P	1878	Iowa.....	1878	Durham.....	Marion.....
McFarland, John T.....E	1873	".....	1873	Eddyville.....	Wapello.....
Michener, Enoch P.....E	1872	".....	1873	Newtou.....	Jasper.....
Miller, William I.....E	1863	".....	1866	Richland.....	Keokuk.....
Mongomery, Charles H....E	1873	".....	1873	Durham.....	Marion.....
Morey, Cyrus.....E	1851	West Virginia.....	1855	Springfeld.....	Keokuk.....
Murphy, Dennis.....E	1858	Iowa.....	1858	Muscatine.....	Muscatine.....
Murphy, Samuel S.....E	1863	".....	1863	Keosauqua.....	Van Buren.....
Myers, Thomas J.....E	1869	".....	1869	Kossuth.....	Des Moines.....
Norton, Charles R.....E	1872	".....	1872	Chilllicothe.....	Wapello.....
Nulton, George.....E	1869	".....	1869	Fremont.....	Mahaska.....
Orr, John.....E	1859	".....	1859	Mount Pleasant.....	Henry.....
Patterson, William E....E	1871	".....	1871	Milton.....	Van Buren.....
Pike, Elias J.....E	1868	".....	1868	Marshall.....	Henry.....
Pillsbury, W. H. H....E	1867	New Hampshire.....	1871	Oskaloosa.....	Mahaska.....
Poston, William....Sy	1855	Iowa.....	1855	Lexington.....	Washington.....
Poiter, John.....E	1870	".....	1870	Albia.....	Monroe.....
Power, George N....E	1856	".....	1856	Marengo.....	Iowa.....
Pugh, Henry F.....E	1873	".....	1873	Keota.....	Keokuk.....
Reasoner, John R.....E	1862	Kentucky.....	1873	Lexington.....	Washington.....
Reynolds, C. Perry.....E	1853	Iowa.....	1853	Kellogg.....	Jasper.....
Rice, Joseph P.....Sy	1871	S. E. Indiana.....	1873	Milton.....	Van Buren.....
Robertson, James F....P	1877	Iowa.....	1877	Moulton.....	Appanoose.....
Robinson, Anthony.....E	1836	Indiana.....	1857	Ottumwa.....	Wapello.....
Robinson, John W....E	1869	Iowa.....	1869	Pella.....	Marion.....
Robinson, Riehard S....Sup	1829	Illinoian.....	1854	Oskaloosa.....	Mahaska.....
Runyen, Harrison....Sup	1860	Iowa.....	1860	Marysville.....	Marion.....
Sampson, Ezekiel.....E	1871	".....	1871	Tiffin.....	Iowa.....
Schreiner, Edwin L....E	1865	".....	1865	Brooklyn.....	Poweshiek.....
See, Michael.....E	1845	".....	1845	Mount Pleasant.....	Henry.....
Shane, Benjamin F....E	1869	".....	1869	Lynnville.....	Jasper.....
Shelton, Orville C.....E	1836	Ohio.....	1852	Amish.....	Johnson.....
Shepherd, Charles W....E	1868	Iowa.....	1868	Bentonsport.....	Van Buren.....
Siberts, S. Wesley.....E	1875	".....	1875	MIRAFLORES.....	Mexico.....
Simmons, John T.....E	1856	".....	1856	Mount Pleasant.....	Henry.....
Smith, David C.....E	1864	".....	1864	Oskaloosa.....	Mahaska.....
Smith, Uriah B.....E	1867	".....	1867	Wilton.....	Muscatine.....
Smith, W. H. H....E	1868	".....	1868	Attica.....	Marion.....
Spaulding, Wesley J....E	1854	Indiana.....	1856	Monut Pleasant.....	Henry.....

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Stafford, Charles L.....	E 1870	Iowa.....	1870	Keokuk.....	Lee.....
Stephenson, Thomas.....	E 1864	S. Illinois.....	1867	Keokuk.....	Lee.....
Storey, George W.....	P 1878	Iowa.....	1878	Victor.....	Iowa.....
Stryker, Almond W....Sup	1850	Indiana.....	1856	Victor.....	Iowa.....
Swanston, George.....	E 1869	New Connect'� Can.	1871	Batavia.....	Jefferson.....
Teter, Isaac P.....	E 1853	Iowa.....	1853	Ottumwa.....	Wapello.....
Thomas, Samuel H.....	E 1860	".....	1860	Lone Tree.....	
Thompson, James G.....	E 1853	".....	1858	Winfield.....	Henry.....
Thorne, William G.....	E 1867	".....	1867	Oskaloosa.....	Mahaska.....
Tuttle, George M.....	E 1870	Vermont.....	1876	Burlington.....	Des Moines.....
Twining, Edward W....Sup	1846	Iowa.....	7846	CORNING.....	Adams.....
Waring, Edmund H....Sy	1849	Baltimore.....	1857	ALTOONA.....	Polk.....
Walters, Dennis A.....	E 1874	Iowa.....	1874	Oxford.....	Johnson.....
Wells, Nelson.....	E 1854	".....	1854	Mount Pleasant.....	Henry.....
Wheeler, John.....	E 1855	North Ohio.....	1870	Mount Pleasant.....	Henry.....
Willey, George F. W....	E 1874	Iowa.....	1874	Mount Pleasant.....	Henry.....
Williams, C. F....P	1878	".....	1878	Wapello.....	Louisa.....
Wilson, William G.....	E 1870	".....	1870	Albia.....	Monroe.....
Wing, Henry E.....	E 1873	".....	1873	Centerville.....	Appanoose.....
Woodford, Lucas C....Sup	1848	".....	1848	DAVENPORT.....	Scott.....
Wright, John W.....	E 1872	S. Illinois.....	1876	Bloomfield.....	Davis.....

SUMMARY.

Elders.....	120
Deacons.....	2
Total Members of Conference.....	122
Probationers.....	10
Total number of Preachers.....	132
Total Last Year.....	134
Decrease.....	2
Supernumeraries.....	6
Superannuates.....	16
Effective Preachers.....	108
Decrease of Effective Preachers.....	4

SESSIONS OF THE CONFERENCE.

YEAR.	TIME.	PLACE.	BISHOP.	SEC'Y.
1844....	August 14 to August 19.....	Iowa City.....	Morris.....	H. W. Reed.....
1845....	September 3 to September 8.....	Burlington.....	Morris.....	" "
1846....	" 2 to " 7.....	Bloomington.....	Hamlin.....	" "
1847....	" 1 to " 7.....	Mt. Pleasant.....	Waugh.....	" "
1848....	August 23 to August 28.....	Dubuque.....	Morris.....	Jos. Brooks.....
1849....	" 8 to " 13.....	Fort Madison.....	Janes.....	H. W. Reed.....
1850....	" 7 to " 12.....	Fairfield.....	Hamlin.....	L. Taylor.....
1851....	" 6 to " 11.....	Davenport.....	Waugh.....	J. G. Dimmitt.....
1852....	September 29 to October 4.....	Burlington.....	Ames.....	M. H. Hare.....
1853....	" 28 to " 4.....	Oskaloosa.....	Scott.....	Jos. Brooks.....
1854....	" 27 to " 4.....	Dubuque.....	Morris.....	" "
1855....	" 26 to " 3.....	Keokuk.....	Simpson.....	H. W. Reed.....
1856....	" 24 to September 30.....	Mt. Pleasant.....	Janes.....	Jos. Brooks.....
1857....	" 24 to " 26.....	Des Moines.....	Ames.....	" "
1858....	" 8 to " 14.....	Fairfield.....	Morris.....	E. L. Briggs.....
1859....	" 7 to " 12.....	Muscatine.....	Simpson.....	E. H. Waring.....
1860....	August 29 to " 3.....	Oskaloosa.....	Janes.....	" "
1861....	" 21 to August 26.....	Burlington.....	Scott.....	" "
1862....	September 10 to September 15.....	Washington.....	Baker.....	" "
1863....	" 9 to " 14.....	Newton.....	Ames.....	" "
1864....	" 14 to " 19.....	Keokuk.....	Janes.....	" "
1865....	" 27 to October 2.....	Mt. Pleasant.....	Janes.....	" "
1866....	" 26 to " 1.....	Knoxville.....	Ames.....	" "
1867....	" 18 to September 23.....	Ottumwa.....	Scott.....	" "
1868....	" 3 to " 7.....	Burlington.....	Janes.....	" "
1869....	" 1 to " 6.....	Muscatine.....	Thompson.....	" "
1870....	" 28 to October 3.....	Albia.....	Ames.....	" "
1871....	October 4 to " 9.....	Mt. Pleasant.....	Ames.....	" "
1872....	" 9 to " 14.....	Oskaloosa.....	Andrews.....	" "
1873....	September 17 to September 21.....	Washington.....	Bowman.....	" "
1874....	" 16 to " 21.....	Bloomfield.....	Haven.....	" "
1875....	" 15 to " 21.....	Keokuk.....	Merrill.....	Geo. N. Power.....
1876....	" 6 to " 12.....	Ottumwa.....	Wiley.....	" "
1877....	" 5 to " 10.....	Fairfield.....	Ames.....	" "
1878....	" 4 to " 10.....	Brooklyn.....	Foster.....	" "

ADDRESS OF THE BISHOPS.

NAME.	P. O. ADDRESS.	Entered the Ministry.	Ordained Bishop.
Levi Scott.....	Odessa, Del.....	1826	1852
Mathew Simpson.....	Philadelphia, Pa.....	1833	1852
Edward R. Ames.....	Baltimore, Md.....	1830	1852
Thomas Bowman.....	St. Louis, Mo.....	1839	1872
William L. Harris.....	New York, N. Y.....	1837	1872
Randolph S. Foster.....	Boston, Mass.....	1837	1872
Isaac W. Wiley.....	Cincinnati, Ohio.....	1851	1872
Stephen M. Merrill.....	Chicago, Ills.....	1846	1872
Edward G. Andrews.....	Des Moines, Iowa.....	1848	1872
Gilbert Haven.....	Atlanta, Georgia.....	1851	1872
Jesse T. Peck.....	Syracuse, N. Y.....	1832	1872